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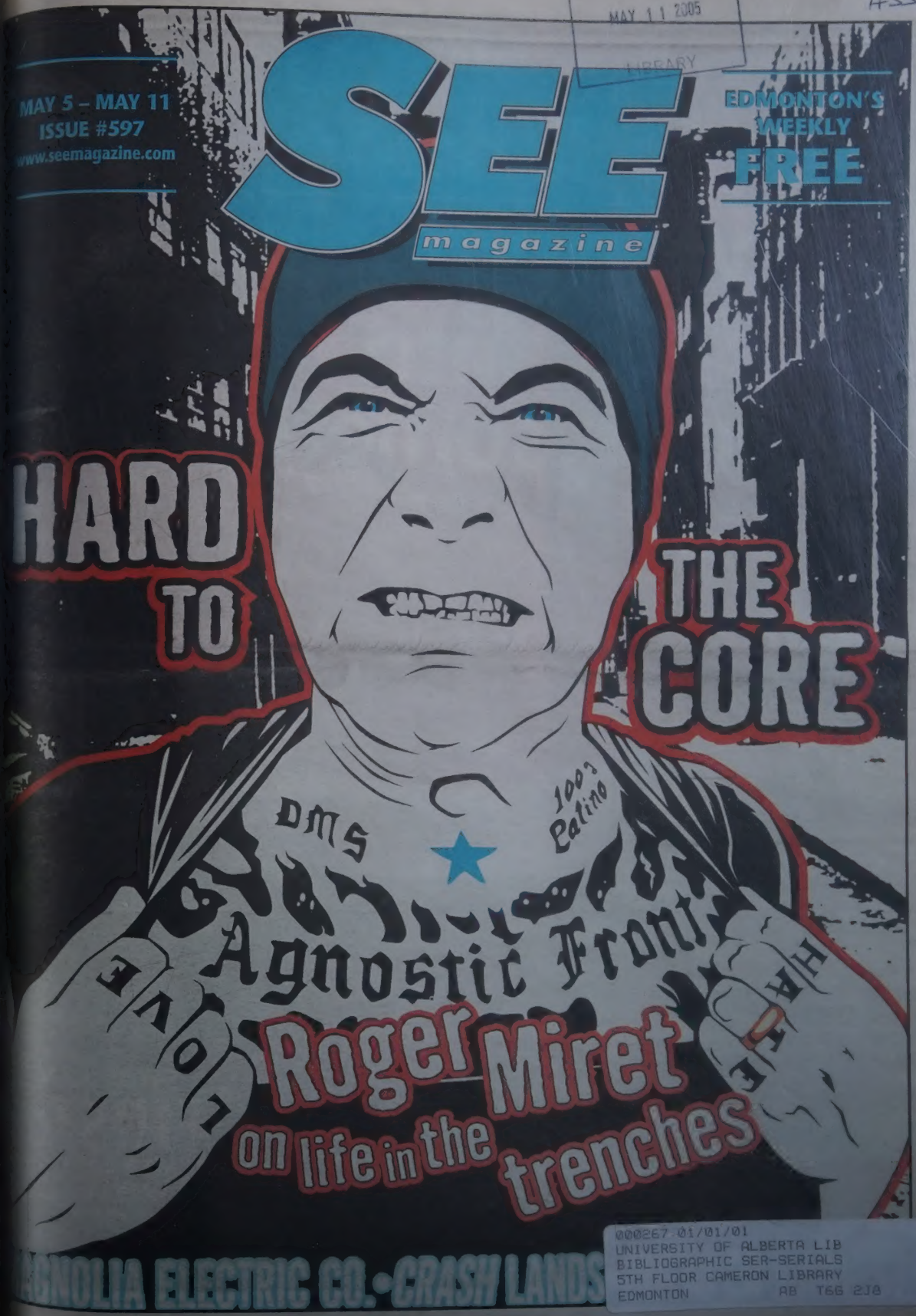

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Roger Miret on life in the trenches

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Do yoo e'er hind it dehessin hoo look inoo a erson's outh?
The depressing part is talking to the person *after* looking into their mouth and realizing, this person couldn't care less about maintaining their own dental health. They just want me to fix it for them... it doesn't work that way.

Hut con yoo ell a'out a erson ei looking inoo 'eir outh?
Whether they smoke , drink a lot of coffee or red wine, eat a lot of Asian food (staining), how often they *really* floss (we can tell), if they use toothpicks... but the biggest thing you can tell about a person, is if they really value their overall health. People with healthy gums are generally healthy people.

Ow of'en oo yoo 'loss?
Every night. When you know and live on a daily basis what happens if you don't... you get motivated. Ok, rinse and spit.

Thanks. Do you ever feel like being a little rougher with the tools on individuals who make little effort to maintain their own dental health?
Sometimes. Especially with the probe, because it is the least comfortable. However, I manage to restrain myself... even if they don't that think I am.

Is the mask to protect you from germs, spray-back or simple bad breath?
All of the above. It also prevents the client from seeing the look of horror on your face when you find something really bad.

What are you doing with that pointy sharp thing?
Removing tartar/calculus (mineralized plaque you can't get off with a toothbrush) from your teeth and their roots.

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Rally against hate

We had another hate rally against same-sex marriages in our city on May 1st (wonder the world unite against queer love?), and I read about hate rallies in Ottawa. Where are rallies in favour of treating other human beings as equals? Why are all the big ones I'm hearing of—the type that bring in major politicians—only those containing fear-mongering and lies?

Surely there are people out there with better connections than I who can pull a good, large rally off? I'm sick of the hate getting so much coverage and seeing nothing in response!

And while I'm at this, I'm sick of hearing homophobes ramble on about how it's not hate or fear. They use language like "evil" and "sinners"—that is hatred pure and simple, and for fear, what the fuck is "we have to protect our families" if it's not fear? Homosexuals are after your families, so it's irrational! A phobia, you damned homophobes!

But the forces of good are pissing me off even more! Why are we letting them get away with this? Where are our rallies of thousands to show that there are people out there that believe in what's good and right? Why the fuck aren't we reclaiming the word "family" so we support and respect ALL families?

So I'm begging those of you in the bigger community, those in the GLBT community, those of you who support the GLBT community, those with the contacts and resources, please get cracking on a rally that will put those hatefests we've been seeing to shame.

A concerned citizen freaked by a possible early ski

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PAN FAN

Editor, *SEE*,
I had to take a moment to comment on April 28th review of *The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*. The review was intense. I have yet to see the film, and really that's not what I wish to comment on. I wanted to thank Mari Sasano for not just blindly supporting local filmmakers. Being one of them myself, and having gone through the pains of making two feature length films, and having organized three of these media frenzy screenings, I know just how much work goes into it. But really, people take for granted that sometimes this stuff sucks. The plots are weak, the characters are lame, and the overall movie is left in the hands of actors who have no idea how to tell a story. Say nothing of actually DIRECTING a visual piece or—God forbid—learning how to operate a camera. People look at video as an easy way to make a movie, when in fact it's way harder 'cause you're battling the crappy technical e addition to trying to tell a decent story...

Anyway, good on you for not patting us all on the back and s "Good job lil' Timmy, you made movie". Many reviews are a li too kind, and it's interesting to that it's finally hitting the point where people are looking beyo the simple fact that the movie made and screened, and to the al content, not just that you go some mediocre celebrity in it.

Don't get me wrong, I love people are making movies, goo bad. And even more love to th ones that FINISH a film and g up on a popular screen in town is, that's admirable. But it's ov someone isn't going to let us b gant auteurs and instead, will demand quality. It's about time became real professionals and the kiddy stuff to the high sch actors.

William

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N CHRISTY PARKER'S FIRST SON born in 1999, she and her husd paid $2000 to have a midwife er him in their home. But five s later, the couple couldn't d the fees for a private midwife. ed, Parker went to the West- Health Centre in Stony Plain— nly hospital in the Edmonton to staff midwives.

I live in Edmonton and I had to to Stony Plain—in labour—to my baby," she says.

arker, a member of the Associa- for Safe Alternatives in Child- , says mothers shouldn't have to pay for their own midwives. She's one of several mothers that are filling out mock invoices that will be presented to the Alberta Legislature during a rally planned for May 5.

"There's nothing to sustain the practice here in Alberta," she says. "People who are even interested in midwifery have to leave the province to get training."

There are currently 21 registered midwives in Alberta, 19 of whom are practicing. But one of those midwives says Alberta is grossly understaffed. Barbara Scriver of Midwife Care Partners estimates the province needs 600 midwives to meet current demands.

"It will take years and years to get up to those numbers," she says. "Even if we had 100, it would be a start. There's not enough of us to go around."

ASAC says it wants to see government funding to support midwifery training programs, including a Bachelor of Midwifery program at the University of Alberta. They also want to see midwives provided with autonomy of care, and the ability to bill the government directly for their services.

Parker says the government could save millions of dollars simply by subsidizing midwives. A full course of midwifery care costs between $2500 and $3000. A normal delivery in a hospital costs the province $4100—and that's not including follow-up examinations, epidurals and other expenses. Increased numbers of home births could also free up much needed hospital space.

"If you're having a home birth, you don't need a hospital bed," she says.

ANGELA CHANG

rading fair for good

ent organizers decry unfair labour practices

A TRADE FAIR THAT EMPHASIZES

second annual Small Act, Big Impact ade Fair will feature presentations, d displays on the importance of globde, and will showcase Edmonton s that carry fair trade products.

hile many people think unethical practices are only a concern in third countries, organizer Lynette Bonsays Canadians are also affected. She to the closure of Edmonton's Levi's about two years ago as an example.

's jeans are now made in Haitian ops," she says. "Canadian workers jobs when these companies send work to third world countries to lower ts and increase their profits."

ays the more consumers insist on fair products, the more pressure it will put nies to ensure their goods are proethical workplaces.

a single mom—I can't afford to buy fair trade," says Bondarchuk. "But bit counts. If say, every one of you buy sugar, you buy fair trade. a difference."

ing Together is one of the groups t in this year's Fair Trade Fair, Noon until 10 pm at the City s (10943 - 84 Ave). The group grant women in updating their ing recognition for their foreign and ultimately, helping them find a job in their field.

Many of the women helped by the organization know what it's like to be on the other side of unfair labour practices.

"There's a lady here from Southeast Asia, she used to work in a factory making glasses for something," says Jehan Wassef. "You can still see her fingers are torn from the work."

But the executive director says many immigrants face more employment issues when they come to Canada. Sonia Bitar says many immigrants with professional backgrounds are reduced to working menial jobs because their foreign credentials aren't recognized in Canada. She says that's another form of unfair labour practices.

"Look at how many professional people there are with low paying jobs," she says. "We don't pay enough attention to people's skills and credentials."

She says fair trade fairs like this one help workers around the world, including those here in Canada.

"It's a chance for them to show what they can do and get credit for it," she says.

Bitar hopes the fair will also help her organization reach other local immigrants who may need help finding gainful employment.

"When I first came here, I didn't know there were organizations like this," she says. "It will be easier for them if they know what's available."

ANGELA CHANG

Wal-mart under fire

Unions counter closure with information

WAL-MART SHOPPERS ACROSS CANADA may be surprised this Saturday when they are greeted by Wal-Mart Action volunteers instead of the blue apron-clad workers inside.

The United Food and Commercial Workers of Canada and the Canadian Labour Congress are planning the demonstration because they believe that the Jonquière, Que., Wal-Mart was closed because the workers there had joined the UFCW union.

"They closed the store because they wanted their employees [across Canada] to know what would happen if they joined a union," says Michael Forman, a UFCW representative. "That's what we think, and that's what Canadians think."

Local organizer Les Steel from the Canadian Labour Congress and other volunteers will be greeting customers outside Edmonton's northeast Wal-Mart this Saturday. Along with a parking lot barbecue, volunteers will be handing shoppers flyers about the unionizing issues and the sweatshop-produced products that Wal-Mart continues to stock on its shelves.

"We're going to be greeting. We're going to be friendly," says Steel, explaining that the Wal-Mart Action is intended to educate all members of the community, including Wal-Mart employees. It is not up to Wal-Mart but rather the the employees to decide if they are going to join a union

"What we aim to achieve with this is to bring awareness that these are some of the things that happen," says Steel. "They won't admit that they don't want their employees unionized."

Employees of the Jonquière Wal-Mart, the first store to become unionized, joined the UFCW in February. Shortly afterwards, Wal-Mart announced that it was going to close the location on May 6, claiming that profits from the store were low.

> **'They won't admit they don't want their employees unionized.'** LES STEEL, CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

"We told [UFCW] publicly that the store had not been profitable," says Kevin Groh, a spokesperson for Wal-Mart Canada. "We were in the situation where we had a struggling store in a fragile economic condition."

According to Groh, Wal-Mart and UFCW tried to work toward a collective agreement but that the union walked away from the table.

Wal-Mart stated that employees would have jobs until May 6, but the doors were closed on April 29, a week earlier than scheduled. The employees who lost their jobs will receive one week's pay from Wal-Mart and full income for one year, provided by the UFCW.

JANELLE AKER

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Thursday

Rosie O'Donnell announces she will be taking her family-friendly gay cruise ship to Halifax this summer. One of the reasons: same-sex marriage is legal in Nova Scotia.

Friday

With his party's support slipping slightly in the polls, Conservative Leader Stephen Harper warned that anyone who tolerated corruption would provoke such outrage in many parts of Canada that it would do "lasting damage" to the nation.

Saturday

US First Lady Laura Bush amused the audience at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner with this summary of White House philosophy: "George's answer to any problem at the ranch is to cut it down with a chainsaw—which I think is why he and [Vice-President] Cheney and [Secretary of Defense] Rumsfeld get along so well."

Sunday

Over 2500 people cheer controversial Calgary Bishop Frederick Henry as he speaks at a rally supporting the traditional definition of marriage in Millwoods. Henry has been called before the Alberta Human Rights Commission for his comments about homosexuals.

Monday

Capital Health announces the naming of the public Alberta Heart Institute in honour of former Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski. Mazankowski led the Premier's Advisory Council on Health, authors of the so-called "Mazankowski Report" on health care, which called for greater involvement of private enterprise in the delivery of health care. Critics pointed to Mazankowski's involvement as a board member of a private health insurer.

Tuesday

Former federal cabinet minister Ron Atkey opined that the facts of the Maher Arar case may never be made public. Although Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLelland had called for a public inquiry, neither Arar nor his lawyers have been allowed to attend eight months of hearings held in secrecy.

Wednesday

Statistics Canada releases a report that states that Canadian school libraries are underfunded. Per student spending was highest in Alberta and Saskatchewan, lowest in Newfoundland and Labrador and in Nova Scotia. A third of PEI schools have full-time librarians; the figure is less than five per cent in Alberta.

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Caged Zoocheck Canada protester on the Legislature grounds Monday, calling for the closure of Guzoo Animal Farm in Three Hills, which Zoocheck claims hasn't fulfilled conditions attached to its permits.

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But at least Paul knows which end of the steamship is which

Comment

CRAIG ELLIOTT

ALLY, NO, I DIDN'T WATCH Prime Minister Paul Martin on TV and begged for his polit- over the fallout from the Inquiry into the sponsor- andal. Not much need to, was You get the gist: he wants us until the inquiry's final has been issued, after which promptly call an election— r. Martin used way more and that oh-so earnest look- of his. I couldn't bear to

while the fervour with which following the inquiry itself rather short of religious, I got that pretty-well too—there's a faction within ce of Quebec that is some- sometimes small, but is holding the threat of Que- ession from Canada over the nation's head. Follow- referendum on the issue far too close for any federal- ort, the government, no o it had been at the time, een as doing something else Canadians woulda been pissing and moaning about *that*. Hence, the sponsorship programme. And then—just imagine—someone figured out a way to take advantage.

Now, while I don't want to see anyone get off the hook for his or her part in this thing, I think Martin's right when he says we'll best take care of that by seeing Gomery through to the bitter end. So, no election for now, which is fine by me, because who could possibly claim that this minority government hasn't been a lot of fun so far? I mean, $4.6 billion diverted from tax cuts for business to useful stuff? Heh heh.

Perhaps that explains why Stephen Harper is not so keen on it all of a sudden, but is he really so unhappy that he'd be willing to throw the dice on a partnership with Gilles Duceppe of all people? It's politics, but it's some mighty strange politics, given that Duceppe's party—apart from the separatist clownsmanship—is closer to Jack Layton's New Democrats and their budgetary amendments than anything Harper and his bunch would suggest.

Anyway, Harper had his big chance to pull the trigger and he didn't do it. At the moment when the Liberals were truly at their most vulnerable, shortly after they introduced this year's budget, instead of taking them down like he says he wants to so badly, Harper told his team not to show up. Was it because he had a feeling that Canadians want to see an honest effort made at coalition government, or because the polls told him it wasn't the right time? It's probably the polls, though you have to wonder 1) what's really changed since a few weeks ago, 2) if the pollsters asked any questions about how Canadians feel about the Conservatives teaming up with anti-Canadians like the Bloc Quebecois to topple a government that was functioning as it should, and 3) how the pollsters would explain the fact that the Harper-led Conservatives can't significantly boost their own numbers, even when facing off against competitors as ethically challenged as the Liberals?

From that creepy Grinch-smile to flouting the constitution in order to persecute gays, there's lots of stuff not to like about the guy, but just in case his fiscally responsible, power-hungry self does manage to force the expense of a premature election on Canadians in the near future, here's the thing about Stephen Harper I enjoy least. Paul Martin's agenda may be a corporatist one, but that makes sense, considering that he is a corporatist, whereas Harper has always been content to merely play at it in think-tank theory.

Neither Martin nor Harper would be my choice for Prime Minister, but as long as the rest of the country can't think itself outside that box, I'd prefer the one who *is* that way, as opposed to the guy who *thinks* he is that way.

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C Conservative MP John Reynolds, speaking about the Liberal government.

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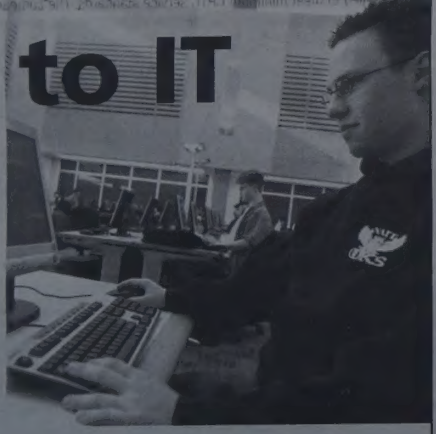

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Who's zoomin' you?

Google map dustup obscures real privacy issues

A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE THEIR PANTIES in a twist over Google's new satellite maps feature. Haven't seen it yet? Get thee to a computer as fast as possible and try it out. Go to maps.google.com, then click on the teeny "satellite" link in the upper right-hand corner. Now you have a satellite map of North America in front of you. You can plug your address into the search box and see your house. Holy crap, that's cool.

Some cities, like Saskatoon, are not yet in high res. But you can still see the beautiful South Saskatchewan River and Saskatoon's famous bridges. If experience is any guide, it's likely that once you start playing with Google satellite maps, you will become mesmerized and incapable of doing anything but searching for random shit like the hiking trail you walked last week, or your grandmother's house in Texas. The mean time of obsession with flying around on the satellite map: 39 minutes.

But let us return to the aforementioned twisty panties. Many pundits and bloggers seem determined to view this feature of Google Maps as a serious, scary new invasion of privacy. We should get a few things straight, though. First of all, these kinds of satellite images have been available for decades from the US Geological Survey to anyone with some cash. And for the past couple of years there have been multiple online pay services (like ImageAtlas) offering them in searchable formats, the same way Google is doing right now.

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

In fact, Google added its satell feature after buying one of those services—Keyhole—late last year all that's really changed is that h res, searchable satellite maps are to the grubby masses of Google trawlers. As somebody who adm cates open access to information, hard for me to be completely uni py about this development.

I'll admit there is a dark side. I ing the satellite images publicly able erodes one of the cornerstone privacy law, the "reasonable exp tion of privacy." When I know th anybody can Google my addres then look at my neighbourhood satellite images, that definitely shrinks the boundaries of my pr sphere. Hell, you can even see fe like swimming pools and parki spaces in these photos. So I can longer reasonably expect that the geography of my backyard—o pathways leading to my house rural area—are safe from prying

Making the satellite images publicly available erodes one of the cornerstone of privacy law, the "reasonable expectation of privacy."

Is my privacy compromised truly grievous way? I'm not so Yes, a real estate agency could these images to rate my neigh hood's desirability in some cre way, but it's not as if they don already do that. Nobody can s them to look into my window my phone line. And these shots even in real time—Keyhole che they're updated roughly every months—so it's not as if you c peek at whose cars are parked driveway right now.

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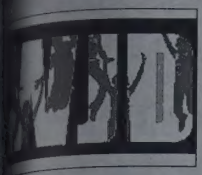

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f all of us (or, say, a mere 600 million
n the Western hemisphere) decided,
e exact same moment, to lunge sky-
our arms outstretched as we reach
e stars in one monumental jump?
would be the combined effect of the
vitational force caused by this one
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ronsphyik at ISA/München, Ger-
, the effect of such a coordinated
could rock the planet's orbital rota-

er worry about climate change?
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and the makers of **worldjump-**
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l to arms? *"Join us in the attempt to
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s of people jump!"*
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bly stop global warming, extend
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ern) on July 20, 2006. Seem unlikely?
press time, over 128 million people
ready signed up.
very reminiscent of the old adage
"If all the Chinese jumped at once, cat-
would result," isn't it? Not to be a
ort, but that idea was thoroughly
ed by *The Straight Dope*'s Cecil
s in 1986, who noted that the force
billion Chinese people jumping
be the rough equivalent of 500
s of TNT. ("Not bad, but nowhere
ough to dislocate the earth, which
s 6 sextillion, 588 quintillion short
.") And given that the atomic bombs
ped in the Second World War were
ch as 20 kilotonnes, shouldn't the
orbit have been jerked around
than once in this past godawful
century? Say, what kind of "sci-
" website pushing, anyway?
, it's a hoax. The nature of it
ms abundantly clear upon viewing
ntentionally hilarious video inter-
of "Professor Niesward," whose
ory" looks suspiciously like a
disguised flat of an avant-garde
artist.
, am I trying to discourage you
mping? Not at all. By all means,
free to join millions of your
ped) kind in an expression of
solidarity. But if you really want
the planet, I might humbly suggest
ing instead.

JAMES LAMBERT

Map...

...Continued from page 8

SOMEBODY'S WATCHING ME...

There was a wacky legal case a few years back, in which Barbra Streisand sued a nonprofit group called the California Coastal Records Project for invading her privacy with something very similar to Google satellite maps. The group had taken thousands of photographs of the California coastline from the air for historical preservation, and one of the pictures happened to contain a shot of Streisand's groovy beach palace. A judge rejected her suit because the tiny modicum of privacy she lost was not worth suppressing a worthy public project with such obvious educational and archival purposes. If you look at the picture in question (www.californiacoastline.org/streisand/lawsuit.html), you'll see it was much more detailed than the Google satellite images and yet reveals almost nothing.

What annoys committed privacy advocates about the Google satellite fracas is that it distracts from the far more dangerous ways in which our privacy is being invaded with new technologies. Most cell phones on the market today have global positioning systems in them that allow you to be tracked anywhere as long as your cell phone is on. Radio frequency ID tags, a few millimeters across, are sewn into your clothing and passport and library books. These can also be used to track where you're going every time you pass an RFID reader. Don't even get me started on hidden Web cams in public places.

The problem is that these tracking technologies are invisible and complicated. So while all these people are wringing their hands over how simple it is for strangers to discover the color of their roof on Google, we forget that we can already be tracked everywhere we go using cell phones and the RFID chips in Wal-Mart backpacks. And unlike Google satellite maps, there's no transparency with these tracking systems. You can't watch the watchers. So while I mourn poor Streisand's loss of privacy, it could be a lot worse. In fact, it already is.

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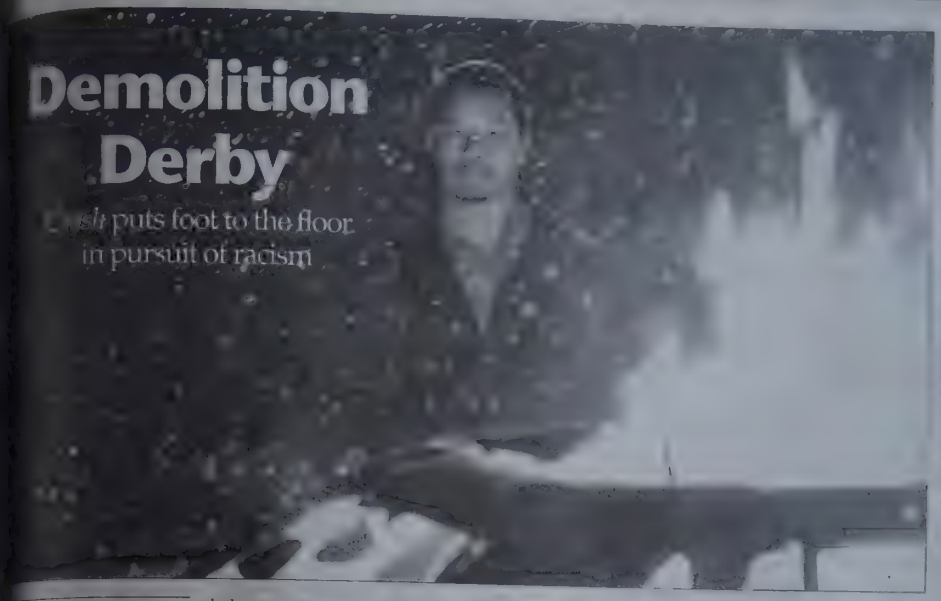


Crash
Dir. Paul Haggis. Starring Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, opens Fri
★★★½

IN NOVEMBER LOS ANGELES, A melting pot filled with undissolved chunks of prejudice and fear, where everyone is free... free to rant on a stage, as Randy Newman sang, although the bars remain in the mind.

Writer-director Paul Haggis's movie *Crash*, sixteen characters bump one another over the course of 24 hours, like billiard balls on a table the size of LA. If willing to grant all the fantastic coincidences required to the dense interconnections in the stories work, then *Crash* is an intriguing peek at life in Los Angeles, and the word Los Angeles is "miserable." Surely the most over-examined city in the history of film, the celebrated home of compromised vision may be getting one of its few relatively unvarnished treatments in *Crash*, depicted as a place where suspicion has snuffed out trust, and racial enmity is given voice—and action—freely.

As the film opens, Detective Graham (Don Cheadle) reflects on life predominantly lived behind glass and steel. "I think we crash into people just so we can feel something," he muses. It's perhaps the only truly daft line in the movie. Not only is the first impulse of everyone in *Crash* to stay the hell away from everyone else, but they're fully charged with feelings... bad feelings: despair, hatred, fear.

Haggis, the Canadian-born writer who created the screenplay for *Million Dollar Baby*, says that *Crash* grew out of his experience of being carjacked outside a Los Angeles Blockbuster. After he got over the initial distress, he says he moved the inside outside and began to wonder about the lives of the thieves—what were their anxieties, their challenges, their issues?

The citizens of Los Angeles careen into each encounter fueled by the bad vibe they picked up from their last encounter.

That kind of determined empathy is hard at work here. Officer Ryan (Matt Dillon) is a brutal racist, the kind of cop who uses the pretext of frisking the wife (Thandie Newton) of a black motorist (Terrence Howard) to feel the woman up, savouring the husband's impotent misery. It's no justification, of course, but Ryan has his own misery. His aged father can't urinate, and the HMO won't provide the help he needs. The blackness of the social worker becomes the hook for his anger—even as he makes it clear that he's been taught a slightly patronizing version of tolerance—his dad was a good boss to blacks—he refuses to consider the possibility that race isn't really the issue.

On the other side of the ledger, virtually everyone's a racist; even the [illegible] Moments of tenderness [illegible] go unrewarded everywhere in *Crash*, leaving several of the characters with the wincing [illegible] of people locked into [illegible] unresolvable dilemmas or regret over irreversible [illegible].

As with every [illegible] written story, it seems [illegible] unravel all of the threads and foreshadow all of the generally surprising twists in the plot. Haggis is sufficiently skillful that, even when you've come to anticipate that everything is going to connect, you don't anticipate where the next collision will occur and what new pattern of motion it will generate. Suffice it to say that by the end of *Crash* the dimensions of racial hatred have been thoroughly gauged, by the audience, but also by the characters, each jolted by a crash that doesn't make them feel quite as much as it makes them feel differently. You always have to clean up after a crash, but at least then you're obliged to take stock of what just happened.

KEVIN WILSON

Really home alone

Nobody Knows is sensational because it isn't sensational

NOBODY KNOWS
Dir. Hirokazu Kore-eda, Starring Yuya Shiraishi, opens Fri, May 6,
★★★★½

[illegible] NO DENYING THAT Hirokazu Kore-eda's *Nobody Knows* is a [illegible] film in a number of ways. [illegible] long. Second, a plot that pretends a sort of misery-porn [illegible] (based on a true story) [illegible] young children find themselves abandoned in a Tokyo [illegible] by their affectionate but [illegible] and have to fend for themselves. And third, though not [illegible] a lack of dramatic tension, [illegible] pertain from the [illegible] outrage at the plight of [illegible] under his lens—[illegible] leering some [illegible] contemporary society or [illegible] would leave these poor [illegible] unattended and virtually [illegible] months on end?

[illegible] what's troubling about [illegible] that it's radiantly [illegible] even funny in various understated ways. At no point do we feel pity for the beleaguered kids, because it never occurs to them to feel sorry for themselves. Kore-eda may be telling an unfortunate tale, but one still infused with the vitality of childhood, even bounded by the walls of a tiny flat.

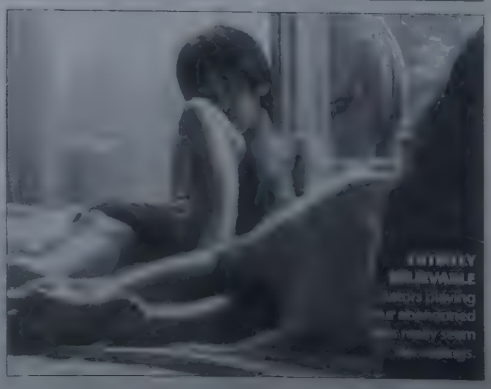
Keiko (played by the portentously named YOU) is a single mom with four kids by four different dads. This apparently makes it tough for her to find decent lodgings, so she smuggles three of the kids into her new place—two of them are giddily produced from suitcases—and tells them they can't go outside or make any noise or, for that matter, go to school. She seems like a nice mom and the kids are disposed to do as she says. Only 12-year-old Akira (Yuya Yagira) is allowed to be seen in public, and so it falls to him to do all the grocery shopping, as well as the domestic chores.

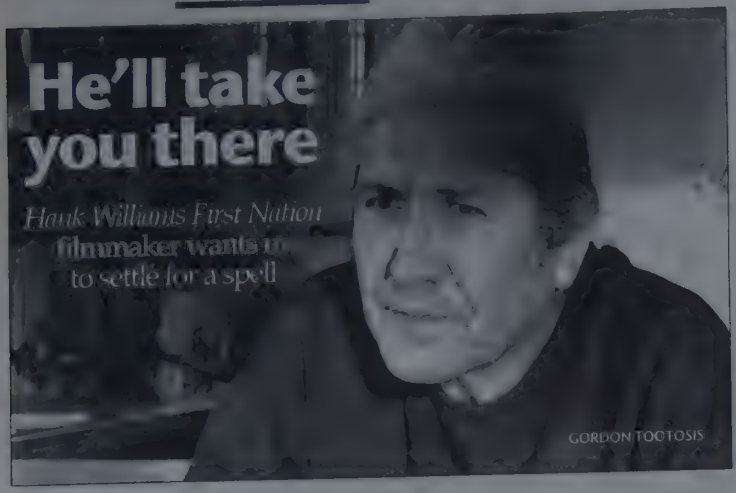
One day, Keiko just disappears, leaving a note and some money for Akira to take care of the other kids. She comes back, only to pack some winter clothes and leave again and, when she reneges on her promise to be back by Christmas, the kids start to wonder if they'll ever see her again. As they become increasingly unkempt and reliant on instant noodles, Akira is sorely tested by his responsibilities, the allure of theft to support his siblings, and the isolation necessitated by his unusual home life. It's hard not to notice that, even when confronted by fairly obvious evidence that these kids have been abandoned, outsiders can only muster token acts of charity.

Harsh as it sounds, *Nobody Knows* is gentle and unhurried, suffused with light and cushioned by a jangly acoustic soundtrack. The young actors are nothing short of amazing, entirely believable as siblings and so natural as to seem like they're playing themselves. Kore-eda's direction and his skill at framing small but significant moments translates the serious playfulness of their lives without sacrificing any of the naturally occurring joy. Repeatedly he returns to lingering shots of restive hands and feet, the basic tools of childhood, to intimate what the kids themselves could never articulate.

Kore-eda shot *Nobody Knows* chronologically, following the changes of season and the physical growth of the kids over the course of the year, which gives the movie an eerie verisimilitude as the kids age before our eyes. While it's impossible for someone to relate a story that involves tedium without becoming tedious, *Nobody Knows* pains gravely from its drawn-out telling by making the passage of time very palpable. More importantly, it doesn't turn its young protagonists into little victims and, in so doing, presents something infinitely more complex and human than its tabloid-tragedy plotline would suggest.

SCOTT LINGLEY





THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN A SMALL CREE reservation on Cadotte Lake may not seem like fodder for a feature film to most. But there is understated beauty in the way of life Aaron James Sorenson uncovers for us in *Hank Williams First Nation*, which has its Edmonton premiere on Friday.

Sorenson had never made a film before, and in doing so created unintentional parallels between his subject matter and his treatment of it. The lilting pace examines with earnest concentration pure human moments in journeys both large and small, and is innocent without being naïve or twee. The characters that populate *First Nation* make their achievements by simply *doing*—which is exactly how Sorenson approached the making of the film.

There is that joke at the beginning about being on "Indian Time"... was that put in there as a caveat to the viewer?
Absolutely... when I arrived there I was amazed, I was surprised at what a different culture it is. A big part of the culture is the pace and the rhythm of life in those places; it's different than what we know.

There's a scene in which Sarah and her grandpa are talking about instinct and he says, "You have to learn how to listen." Does this serve as a metaphor for the whole film?
Yeah... and it's more than a metaphor for the film—it's the guiding light in how this whole film was made. When you think about how a guy who's never made a film before, writes a story just to get it onto screens in Canada—this whole film is just a testament to that commitment, that philosophy about learning to listen.

This film was made independently, with a small budget, without grants or funding. Did people tell you to apply for grants, that that's how you make a film in Canada?
Yeah. There's this idea here, that you can't be an artist or do anything without funding, and that if you want to do anything you start filling out forms, and it just seems kinda silly to me. The really good art, the stuff that lasts and that works, seems to have a long relationship between the artist and the patron.

Have you been surprised at the positive reactions to the film and its success outside of Peace River?
I'm surprised that the movie is doing so well, and that we got the movie that I wanted so completely; then I have also been surprised that after we made this pretty good film, that there wasn't somebody there to pick it up. I kinda thought after we got the critical acclaim that we had, that there would be somebody who would take it from there—I wasn't prepared to become a distributor at the same time.

Why do you think that that didn't happen?
I'm not sure. I don't have an answer for that. That's kind of the mystery to me... we're breaking ground in how we did this, and there isn't really a developed marketplace for independent films here in Canada. I mean talk about being off the grid; we're way off the grid with the film...

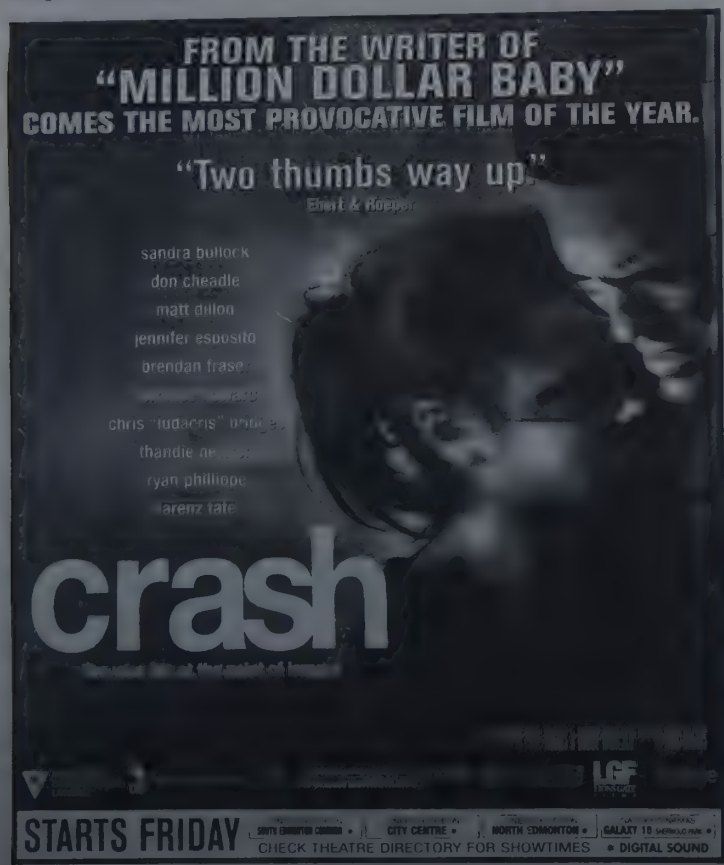
Do you mean a combinat[illegible] approach, the subject matter [illegible] you made the film...
What we don't have [illegible] delivery mechanism [illegible] the people, so that's w[illegible] doing it ourselves, an[illegible] kinda surprised abou[illegible] know... after already [illegible] as filmmakers we have to [illegible] as distributors, too.

But it's not the kind [illegible] could really hammer home [illegible] kind of way and you would [illegible] really want to... as a symbol [illegible] film itself it makes sense th[illegible] you're delivering it as well.
You're right, wow, I th[illegible] thought of that. I think [illegible] Yeah...! [laughs]... yeah.

You are a songwriter—did [illegible] realize that the script feels li[illegible] song?
My friend and I were [illegible] it, and we called it a [illegible] listen to a Tom Waits song [illegible] takes you to someplace you [illegible] normally hang your hat, and [illegible] "here I am—come share th[illegible] for awhile."

And that's what the film is [illegible]
Yeah. That's what I wanted [illegible] mean you listen to these great [illegible] songs, and obviously the artis[illegible] been touched, and has written [illegible] something that takes all of us [illegible] My experience with these pe[illegible] and among them affected m[illegible] profound and important wa[illegible] And I wanted to take us the[illegible]

JULIANN W[illegible]



Listen and lear[illegible]

Like your instincts, this gentle film asks only that you be present

HANK WILLIAMS FIRST NATION
Directed by Aaron James Sorenson, Starring Gordon Tootoosis, Stacy Da Silva, and Colin Van Loon, Opening Night Gala, Princess Theatre Fri, May 6, 7 pm, Tickets: $9, Continues until May 12 at Princess Theatre and Gateway 8, ★★★★☆

WITH A PACE SLOW AND EVEN AS A heartbeat, *Hank Williams First Nation* may perplex some viewers. It's not your fault: you're used to the whiz-bang kaleidoscopic timelines offered to you in mainstream films, wherein the appreciation of little moments is forgone for plot-driven action. Characters' lives accelerate rapidly in such films, and we are propelled along. That quickened pace is how many of us have come to view time; anything unhurried is not just slow; it is "too slow."

Give that up. Shrug it off. Then go see this film.

First Nation breathes, deep and easy. It is a film that asks nothing of you other than that you accept its simple offer, but first you have to agree to really be there. Be patient and receptive and, as with a Sunday afternoon spent at home with no agenda, no directives, you might be surprised at the inherent beauty that non-imperative profundity can reveal when you don't ignore it.

Shot entirely in Alberta—mostly around the Peace River area—on a moderate budget, the film is devoid of glamour or polish. While the lighting and technical elegance are the elements of the film that one could say are lacking, these flaws somehow add to its folky charm, and it is littered with strikingly beautiful shots of Canadian landscape, evidence of a DOP with a good eye.

On the surface, this is a [illegible] about an elderly Cree man wh[illegible] know the truth about Hank Wil[illegible] before his own time comes to [illegible] calm community of his small, re[illegible] vation supports his rather eccentr[illegible] investigate, and it is decided th[illegible] make a pilgrimage to Nashville, [illegible] accompanied by his reluctant [illegible] Jacob. Off they head to the South[illegible] what appears to be a regular [illegible] roadtrip shared between an [illegible] nephew with at least two ge[illegible] between them.

While they travel, their fam[illegible] and friends stay at home on th[illegible] and... live. So what, you're [illegible] watch anyone go to school or [illegible] Why is it of any importance th[illegible] ter Sarah is preparing for gradu[illegible] the town goofball Huey is trying [illegible] wood? So what?

Exactly: *First Nation*'s offer is [illegible] forced meaning or earth-shatter[illegible] tion. The film serves only to say [illegible] am. Here in this quiet, human [illegible] the people live the way we all [illegible] out Daytimers and pressure to pe[illegible] succeed. Here they show us that [illegible] from the classroom to the side [illegible] to tell a boy something that you [illegible] to say is just as rewarding as a tr[illegible] different country to investigate [illegible] death. Here they tell us that it is [illegible] be—just be, and seriously [illegible] whether you are looking for [illegible] meaning, family, or Hank Willi[illegible] home to it, and your instincts [illegible] how to find what you are looking [illegible]

JULIANN [illegible]

Jumpin' *Jiminy*

Martin Short on the universal right to fewer and fewer seconds of fame

RGER-THAN-LIFE MARTIN
character best known for his
show *Primetime Glick*,
the leap (okay, bounce and
the big screen with *Jiminy*
Lalawood. Recently, Short
ed insight into Jiminy Glick's
and his kinder, gentler side
the comedian says is actual-
quel to *Primetime*.

led to creating the character
Jiminy Glick?
Linda came out of the Martin
show around 2000. I was
for a character to do "man in
street"—go out in the world
at anyone knowing that it was
Short—and in 1991 I had
movie called *Pure Luck* with
Glover. There's a scene
I'm stung by a bee and I swell
hen I did that scene, no one
particularly recognize me in it,
that. I remembered that
thought, "Well, maybe that's the
I should do".

the three-season run of
***Glick*, how did the idea**
the *Lalawood* movie come
out?
was a segment on *Primetime*
where Jiminy would show
movies, and I'd asked my
Jan Hooks to come out and
just, you know, improvise around
Some of them were shot in my
home, and it just seemed like fun
And when I would see them back, I
would sense that there was almost a
different kind of Jiminy that came
out of that. There was someone who
was more of a caretaker to Dixie
who is clearly alcoholic and out of
her mind.

And so at that point it was almost
[a] more realistic form of it, in a kind
of world of, I guess *The Osbourne*
something. And I thought, "That
could be fun, to do that," you know?
You could see why it could work
now as an improvised movie,
because those home movies were
improvised.

How much of the movie was improvised versus scripted?
The whole thing's improvised. There
was a 45-page story treatment writ-
ten by Michael Short and Paul Fla-
herty and myself. But as far as any
dialogue or any scenes you see, there
were no words written.

Is Jiminy a comment on the nature of celebrity today?
I think the film is. I think that, you
know, there was a time when one
would say that people have their 15
seconds of fame, and I think it's now
down to about seven seconds. You
look at a celebrity like Paris Hilton
and I think she could only exist as an
offshoot to reality television. And
Jiminy is really a talentless person
who's become a kind of
icon. In the movie, he's a small
interviewer from a small
tion. He falls asleep during a movie
[he's reviewing], and gives it a
review. And he's the only one who
does. The egotistical actor-director
star grants his first interview in fiv
years. That becomes news. Suddenly
Jiminy's hot to the point that Steve
Martin and Kurt Russell and Rob
Lowe are sitting down with him
and he ends up acknowledging that
what has he learned though his jour
ney but that celebrities can be dull

Has anyone reacted badly to being lampooned in the movie? I'm thinking of the whole "Meg Ryan is a Communist" thing.
First of all, Meg is a friend
of mine and
to find people
about such thing

Who's your favorite talk show host?
You know, I neve

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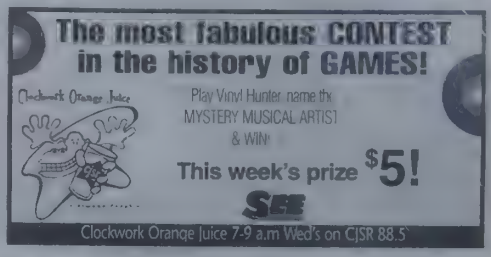
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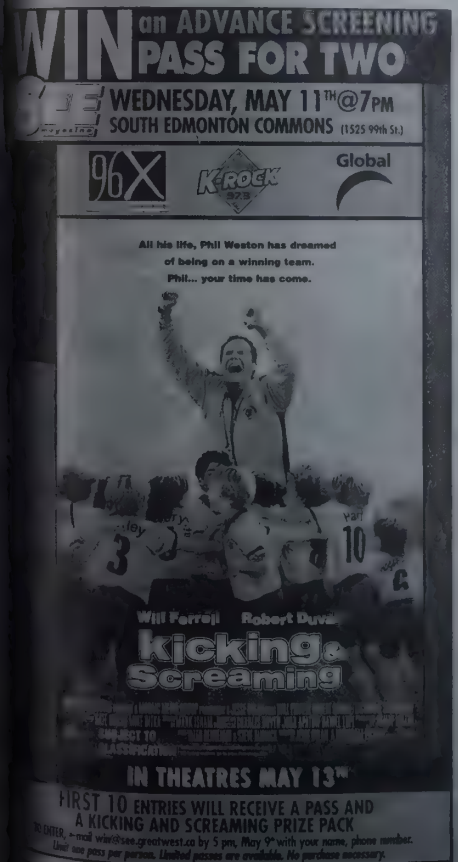
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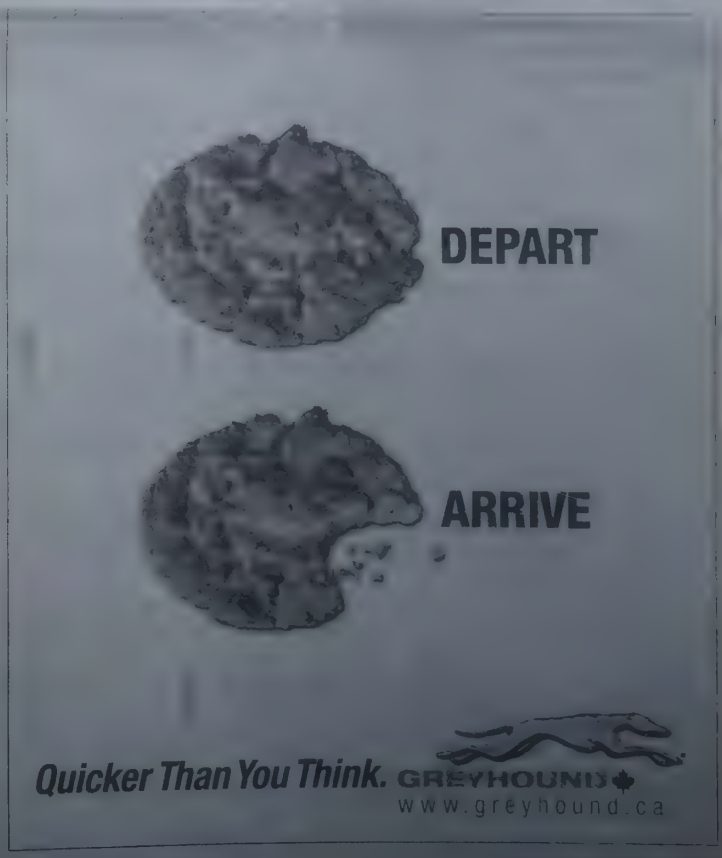
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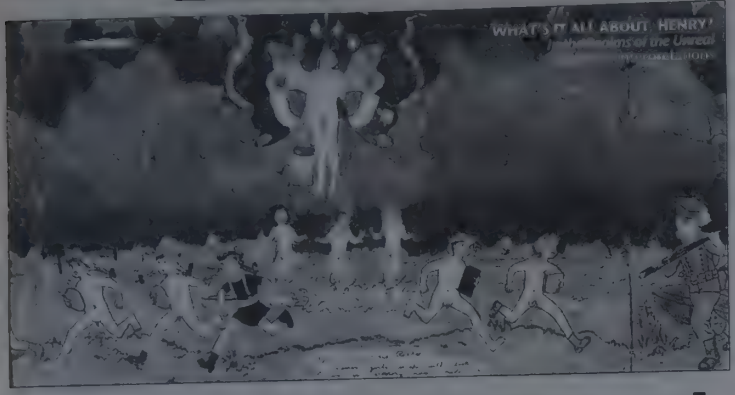

A peculiar kind of good

Unfolding the hidden emotional life of Henry Darger

IN THE REALMS OF THE UNREAL
May 5 - 9, 7 pm, Metro Cinema, Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre. ★★★★☆

IN THE SOLITARY ROOM IN CHICAGO where he lived for 40 years, Henry Darger's unschooled and untrammeled imagination produced a 15,000-page novel and accompanying watercolour illustrations, some as large as 10 feet wide, depicting the bloody religious war between the forces of good—the blonde Vivian sisters and their legions of hermaphroditic children—and evil—the sadistic, anti-Christian Glandelinians, a warlike race of men often clad in Confederate army uniforms and mortarboards who wanted to enslave them. As he was living out the last days of his 81 impoverished years, a friend who had seen some of the paintings commented to him on the beauty of the work, to which Darger replied, "Too late now."

Darger died in 1973 and his former landlords made a point of publicizing their late tenant's work to the world. But you can't help wondering if Darger's work wouldn't have subjected him to the same sorts of torments that arguably fertilized his imagination, had it been better known. After losing his mother at birth and his father at age eight, Darger was sent to a reformatory, then a mental institution, from which he finally escaped in his teens and commenced a life of menial servitude as a janitor in Catholic hospitals. Perhaps if someone had seen his paintings of naked prepubescent girls with penises running in terror from soldiers with bayonets, he would have found himself forcibly confined again. His work, which he never showed to anyone, was far from self-explanatory.

But this is the great strength of Jessica Yu's *In the Realms of the Unreal*, which takes its name from Darger's novel. While she's interested in opening out the mystery of Darger's work, exposing its multiple layers and drawing parallels between the artist's meagre existence and its fantastical transformation in his art, Yu doesn't seem to want to analyze the work or the virtually friendless, reclusive little man who made it.

First and foremost, Yu wants to show you the work and, as she surveys what she can piece together of Darger's early life, present some of the influences that were all the training he ever had. Images from turn-of-the-century storybooks and magazine ads sprout butterfly wings and penises as Darger recasts them as soldiers in the war against the forces of repression. In addition to the usual documentary techniques of interview and recreation, Yu had a team of animators add motion to some of Darger's hallucinatory butcher-paper masterworks. Some critics have decried this approach as tampering with Darger's medium and intent, but as the artist probably never intended anyone to see his work, just showing it could be considered tampering. Besides, the herky-jerky movement added to the paintings seems of a piece with Darger's ad hoc skills.

Through excerpts from his journal and animated passages from his epic, voiced by Larry Pine and [illegible] Fanning, Yu tries to illu[illegible] thing of the emotional li[illegible] kept from even the hand[illegible] who knew him. Devout[illegible] and scarred by his solita[illegible] ed childhood, Darger st[illegible] his faith in the solitude [illegible] prefer. Apparently untr[illegible] sexual urges, Darger no[illegible] wanted to raise children [illegible] lessly petitioned to be a[illegible] Yu doesn't come out and [illegible] Vivian girls were an att[illegible] Darger to attain the pur[illegible] cence of childhood he'd [illegible] but there's some resonance [illegible] hypothesis in the use o[illegible] post-war stock footage a[illegible] phy. Simply put, his wi[illegible] tion and inexhaustible c[illegible] gy might have been the onl[illegible] tions for a life that seemed des[illegible] for meek destitution fro[illegible]

Some questions are b[illegible] in your mind as you wa[illegible] film—about Darger's m[illegible] the requisite sacrifices [illegible] giously creative life, the [illegible] its of such a bizarre and [illegible] body of work, and whe[illegible] artist's quest for meann[illegible] the abject conditions o[illegible] Thankfully, Yu leaves [illegible] opinion on these matte[illegible] viewers make up their [illegible] In any case, the answer [illegible] as important as what stands [illegible] of Henry Darger's tim[illegible] From that perspective [illegible] *of the Unreal* does a captivating [illegible] mapping the world he felt com[illegible] to describe.

SCOTT [illegible]

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Cheer up, robots

Latest *Hitchhiker's* incarnation could have been worse

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY
Directed by Garth Jennings, Starring Martin Freeman, Mos Def, and Alan Rickman. Now playing. ★★★☆☆

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE Galaxy is a wholly remarkable book, and a rather flashy, fairly funny, mostly depthless film. While some may call it the anti-Star Wars, this is in fact a mistake so glaring and pack-following, it's surprising these people aren't already getting higher-paying jobs, investing wisely for several decades, building a bridge, then jumping off it one after the other until all that remains is a large, moaning puddle at the bottom for someone else to clean up. Mimicking Mr. George Lucas's trademark digital cornucopia at the expense of dialogue and actual human emotion is precisely where this film fails—and if that doesn't put *Hitchhiker's* on the same shelf as the *other* Trilogies, you might as well give up comparing it to anything.

Shoving one of the most purposefully overwritten, witty, and charming comedy books of all time into the much-less-intelligent-by-design form of a movie is bound to grow a forest of difficulties. Nonetheless, not counting the radio plays or books on tape, this is the second time it has been attempted onscreen, the first being the television series, which actually did a tremendous job with a budget of somewhere around a dollar eight-two.

Like the TV series and book, the film starts off with the Guide talking about the insignificance of planet Earth in the galaxy, illustrating this by the slapstick foibles of its utterly nerdish protagonist, Arthur Dent, played—or read, rather—with cartoonish exhaustion by Martin Freeman (Tim from *The Office*). Unbeknownst to him, his house is about to be demolished to make way for a bypass, which is coincidentally exactly the same thing that's going to happen to Earth later that morning. What is arguably lucky for Dent—though the film makes a much bigger deal about the universe being a place of wonder instead of endless peril and, worse, annoyance—is that Arthur is about to be rescued by his only friend, Ford Prefect (Mos Def), who happens to be an alien travel journalist from another star system. Mos Def is my favourite casting choice. He gives off the sort of glowing confidence needed for this role.

Things get incredibly bizarre and life-threatening for Dent from now on, surrounded as he and his friends are by unpoetic, greasy monsters, depressed robots, a planet construction yard, talking mice, a total-perspective gun and so on. Sam Rockewell's performance of galactic president and spaceship-jacker Zaphod Beeblebrox is quite hilarious, and more than a little creepy in that he uses Chad Kroeger from Nickelback as his impossibly direct muse. Watch it and tell me I'm wrong, dudes.

As in *Garfield the Movie* (and I bet you can't believe anyone would ever mention *that* again), the living and possibly dead producers of the Hollywood *Hitchhiker's* decided that their doofus needed softening, so [illegible] do they require Dent's lo[illegible] only other *human* survivor of th[illegible] bypass cataclysm (Zooey Desch[illegible] he actually gets to tongue her. [illegible] some reason, possibly sequels, [illegible] Malkovich is also in this film, [illegible] a brand-new evangelist [illegible] whose religion was scarcely me[illegible] tioned in the book, but is here [illegible] inflated into a scene that truly [illegible] nowhere.

Nonetheless, I quite like the [illegible] liberties taken by the film, given [illegible] many know the books almost [illegible] heart, these actually account fo[illegible] only fresh content. Often edi[illegible] winded jokes down to a line [illegible] sometimes it makes you miss [illegible] punchline with a snow-globe [illegible] vu. And while Alan Rickman [illegible] vin the Paranoid Android is a [illegible] success (his very head weight[illegible] mer Ewok Warwick Davis do[illegible] Marv doesn't have quite the [illegible] greying presence the author [illegible] nor is he (or Dent) ridiculed [illegible] enough. As a bonus for nerds, [illegible] er, the original TV Marvin app[illegible] queue, as does the TV Arthur [illegible] the panicky Simon Jones.

And not to nitpick, but in [illegible] getting loads of its own colour [illegible] illustrated scenes, the Guide [illegible] often narrates overtop live act[illegible] which has roughly the same [illegible] pretty girl on the cover of the [illegible] a headline about a serial killer [illegible] her.

What we have here is an a[illegible] tation of tens of thousands of [illegible] ful, silly words strung togeth[illegible] too Hollywood or not enough [illegible] actual film, depending [illegible] sit. In this, *Hitchhiker's* succe[illegible] ting the point of the books [illegible] rather accidentally, no matter [illegible] desperately you try, you can't [illegible] ever win.

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Ridley Scott makes Crusades pretty, but he doesn't make'em sing.

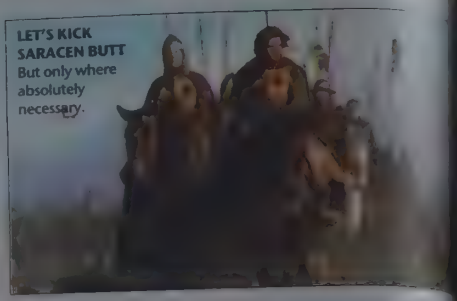
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
Directed by Ridley Scott. Starring Orlando Bloom, Jeremy Irons, Liam Neeson, Eva Green. Opens Fri, May 6. ★★★☆☆

WELL! HERE'S A CRUSADES PICTURE for the times... provided you have a taste for director Ridley Scott's Boy's Own Paper romanticism, what with all those manly men crashing around on horses, saying important things importantly. Sure, your crusading is serious business, but must every utterance ponderously drop a weighty dollop of sage counsel, grave warning, or affirmation of principle?

If you're dropping the mood bomb, mind, who better to line it up than dark-eyed font of perpetually mellow indignation Orlando Bloom, playing Balian the blacksmith. (After this gig and *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Orlando should be able knock off a fine wrought-iron fence.) But Balian isn't merely a blacksmith: he's also the bastard son of the French knight Godfrey of Ibelin (Liam Neeson), who has himself just come back from doing the Lord's work to patch things up and invite Balian to come protect the Holy Land. Balian, recently de-familied, currently devastated, and hoping to redeem his wife's soul, saddles up.

Welcome to the late 12th Century and the relatively happy period between Crusade II and Crusade III. King Baldwin IV, a silver-masked leper and the ruler of Jerusalem, has fostered a spirit of semi-peaceful co-existence between Christians and Muslims. Well! The Knights Templar are having none of that. In *Kingdom of Heaven*, the KTs come off a right bunch of pricks, to put it non-scripturally, who like nothing better than to provoke a fight with Johnny Muslim and show him what's what while raising a little capital above and beyond vow-of-poverty levels. Sounds like the neatly harmonized economic program and foreign policy of a certain sitting American president, doesn't it?

Its hard not to think of Laura's husband when you're watching *Kingdom of Heaven*, because Scott is so pointedly (and repeatedly) calling down the philosophical heirs of the Knights Templar in the so-called Christian Right, ass-kickers for a celestial Kingdom of Heaven who ignore the possibility that God expects us to create a harmonious Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. You say your religion is better? Our Christian and Muslim prayers sound the same, says Balian. You say you're doing God's will? Your opponents are also hollering "God wills it!" as they gallop in your general direction. You say you have a duty to your King and to God? Nossir, says Balian: your first commitment is to the people. If Ridley's right, George, you are one fucked faux-Texan.



LET'S KICK SARACEN BUTT
But only where absolutely necessary.

It's not all good works, mind: you need a little something soft on the eyes to take the edge off the sand and selflessness, and in this uni-gynal adventure flick, the lone female role is conjured by Eva Green (first seen in Bertolucci's *The Dreamers*) as Baldwin's sister Sybilla. Green's presence is arresting, to be sure, although her chief contribution comes in the form of seductive, baleful, or haunted glaring, which makes her a perfect compliment for Bloom's Balian. (Heaven forfend that they should have children: one imagines a herd of gloomy Sailor Moons in 12th Century duds.)

Nevertheless, Green fits right in with Scott's flair for visual drama, which here includes some splendid showers of dirt and blood in battles scenes that are quite thrilling, with lots of arrows zipping by so you can feel 'em and lots of (literally) steaming hot nave-to-the-chaps-style unseaming. Even Balian's hokey tur[illegible] Medieval MacGyver ar[illegible] with flair.

But the dialogue, as [illegible] lier, is unleavened, hun[illegible] quently pointless, and s[illegible] dumb. And when you [illegible] on your team is radiantly [illegible] and when everyone ack[illegible] your awesomenity as s[illegible] you holding your dad's [illegible] your eventual triumph [illegible] like a right than a trial, which ma[illegible] everything feel so sweet and ri[illegible] you get a little tummy humbug [illegible] while.

Taking the admirable [illegible] that's may be Scott's pr[illegible] there. For while the hard [illegible] cious Balian and Saracen hero S[illegible] behave honourably, mon[illegible] humanely, and with th[illegible] tions, accommodation be[illegible] of virtue serves as a great model [illegible] human conduct but an [illegible] some template for a movie.

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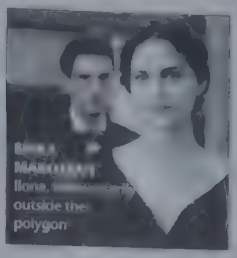
...thinly sliced beef, sauteed in but-

...my Sunday" is the title of a song
...the 30s, the most famous rendition
...Holiday. The original composition
...guinan, and legend has it that it drove
...all over the world to suicide with
...cholly theme.

...Sunday is also the title of a film, a
...ized account of the creation of the
...the complex personal and politi-
...stances surrounding it. This, too,
...and cheese rolled in butter-fried
...complete with crowd-pleasing ele-
...e a bizarre love polygon and polit-
...ue involving evil Nazis.

...al to the story is the lovely Ilona
...Marozsan), a waitress at an elegant
...st restaurant, Szabo. The proprie-
...a Hungarian Jew named Laszlo
...who also happens to be Ilona's
...and though they appear to be in



love, she likes things as they are and refuses to marry him

Enter passionate and nervous pianist Andras (Stfano Dionisi), hired at Ilona's bequest to play for the patrons of Szabo. Like most of the men who walk into the restaurant, he becomes enchanted with Ilona, and is so moved that he writes the titular composition in her honour. With Laszlo's blessing, Ilona embarks on an affair with Andras. Meanwhile visiting German businessman Hans Wieck (Ben Becker) is equally smittenby Ilona, as well as the roulade.

The song becomes an instant hit when Austrian record company representatives discover Andras at the restaurant, but it sparks a wave of suicides across European opportunity for the filmmakers to show a montage showing dead bodies beneath the Eiffel Tower and a man in a kilt

But it is, after all, Europe of the 1930s, and when Hans returns, he's in uniform, serving the Third Reich by administering, among other things, the Final Solution in Hungary.

And the movie plods along gamely trying to create political and potentially life-threatening tension while juggling Ilona's intricate love life. Unfortunately, the menage a trois scenario suffers in comparison to, say, that of *Jules et Jim*, while any number of films serve the cause of documenting the effects of the Holocaust more thoroughly. And quite frankly, Ilona's charms—aside from being pretty and willing to swing—aren't really ... enough to warrant such a devoted following. There is a moment, for example, in Hans' offices where she pleads for ... safety, where they might have addressed the precariousness power of a woman's sexuality, but they just don't take that road. It's a pity, because by keeping Ilona on a pedestal right to the end, we're denied any kind of insight into who she really is. In fact, the audience is very much like one of her suitors, left to comfort each other drunkenly while she gallivants with someone new

MARI SASANO

Tall tale

Year of the Yao drives for the net

...R OF THE YAO
...by Adam Del Deo and James D.
...; Yao Ming, Colin Pine, Shaquille
...s Fri, May 6, ★★★★☆

...A ROOKIE ATHLETE REQUIRES YOU
...world of familiarity, where you've
...credibility, to step into a new
...of high expectations. Now imagine
...hopes and dreams of 1.2 billion peo-
...adapting to life in a new country, its
...and its culture.

...'s Yao Ming was the first player cho-
...the 2002 NBA draft. This film docu-
...departure from his home in
...China, to become the leading cen-
...the Houston Rockets when he was a
...22 years old. (If you don't follow bas-
...you may remember Yao as the tall
...in a commercial or in an Apple
...commercial with Verne Troyer,
...Austin Powers's Mini Me.)

Both of Yao's parents were basketball stars in China. His father, Yao Zhiyuan, is 6'10" and his mother, Fendi Fang, is 6'4". It's hard to fathom just how tall the 7'5" Yao is until you see his shoulders rising high above the sea of people at an airport or how he towers over employees who want their picture taken with him while he's shopping at Best Buy.

Year of the Yao juxtaposes American and Chinese culture, explaining how basketball survived in China after the revolution and how traditional conceptions of the game collide with the rougher version played in the NBA. Yao struggled in his early outings with the Rockets, his difficulties running in parallel with those of his translator Colin Pine, the unsung hero of this film. Pine is in his late '20s and a first-time translator. At first he does not understand much about "basketball language," but he does his best to translate the plays to Yao, with amusing results. Additional yuks come in the form of Yao's clever comments, sportscaster and former player Charles Barkley and many of Yao's teammates, or the excited, wide-eyed older Chinese man who warns opposing teams that "Yao is coming!"

Whether or not you are a fan of basketball, *The Year of the Yao* seems to capture Yao's engaging personality and sincerity in the face of fame.

JANELLE AKER

Glick clicks in *Lalawood*

Would it be – an improvised based movie that works?

...T GLICK IN LALAWOOD
...Jean Stamng Martin Short,
...Cardellini Janeane Garofalo,
...Opens Fri, May 6,
...

...O ABC THAT DAVE, JAY, AND OPRAH
...in his shadow. He's the biggest
...celebrity interviewer that Butte,
...ever had to offer.

...Glick, and now devotees of
...Comedy Central series *Primetime Glick*
...character's struggles before all
...in *Jiminy Glick in Lalawood*.
...course, Glick is the creation of Cana-
...veteran Martin Short, and while
...of sketch comedies getting big-
...treatment is usually enough to send
...running for cover, Short and co-
...Paul Flaherty and Michael Short are
...the barest of plots, combine it with the *Glick* TV show's improv style, and actually make an improvised movie that works.

The plot concerns Jiminy arriving to cover the Toronto International Film Festival with wife Dixie (Jan Hooks) and twin sons Matthew and Modine in tow. He's bored with interviewing the same guests over and over again in Butte, and TO is his ticket to the big time. Or so he thinks.

Reality starts to set in when he realizes that his reservations are not for the Fairmont Hotel, but the Fairmount *Motel*. Then none of the celebrities he talks to seems to know who he is. Kevin Kline gives him a polite but firm brush-off, and when the research-challenged interviewer talks to Whoopi, he thinks he's talking to Oprah. Fate steps in when he falls asleep at a screening of *Growin' Up Gandhi*, and winds up being the only critic in town to give it a rave review. Ben DiCarlo (Corey Pearson), the film's reclusive and egotistical director-star, agrees to his first interview in five years, thereby catapulting jiminy to A-list status. *Access Hollywood* wants to talk to him, as do Kurt Russell and Steve Martin. Fading Hollywood star Martha Cooledge (Elizabeth Perkins) wants to talk to Jiminy too, and when she's later found dead in his bed, he thinks he's to blame and gets tangled in a whodunit involving her narcissistic and malaprop-prone manager and two rappers.

As a comment on society's obsession with celebrity and infotainment, *Lalawood* is sharp, hilarious, and brilliant. It's also refreshing to see Jiminy take a break from his cluelessness long enough to care for the wildly alcoholic Dixie. With the nourish murder subplot, things tend to lose focus and bog down, though it does allow Martin Short to evoke *SCTV* memories by doing a dead-on David Lynch impression. While you'll enjoy it more if you're a *Primetime Glick* fan, *Lalawood* is certainly worth seeing as an industry satire that you won't have to strain your brain to enjoy.

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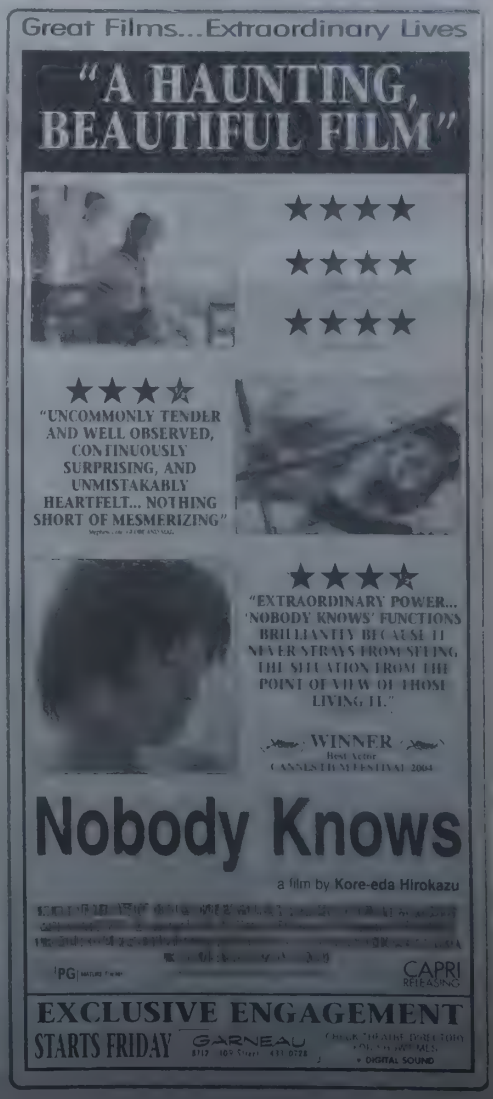

FILM CAPS

The Amityville Horror (18A) There are consequences of moving into a home where an entire family was murdered just one year before, and you can blame Mom and Dad for shrugging it off by assuring each other that they'll "make it work." The original *Amityville Horror* just coasted by on '70s bad movie kitsch charm. This update barely has any charm, but at least there are currents of genuine unease running through the last half, and occasional moments of black humour. ★★ (TM)

Are We There Yet? (PG) As Nick, the materialistic child-hater star of *Are We There Yet?*, Ice Cube is about as menacing as any given Ian Allen family comedy that either The Rock or Nick Fallon's girlfriend Suzanne (Nia Long), a sharply divorced wife, of course, comes saddled with. Yet for Ice Cube, fatherhood is literally, again and again, trying to put up with the kids. Before the journey is even halfway through, you'll find yourself yearning for the Cube of old, hoping he'll just pop a cap in they arz, but instead everyone learns "valuable" lessons. Sadly, the only one to blame for this mess is the star himself—the whole painful ordeal was brought on by his Cube Vision production company. ★☆☆☆☆ (ZV)

Be Cool (14A) What do we think now when we see a' Chili Palmer (John Travolta) trot his "Look at me" thing nonstop for two hours? Or The Rock slapping his ass and being "gay" in the most homophobic sense of the word? Or Vince Vaughan playing the wigger white Andre 3000 in the full on fantasy version of the trigger happy thug life? Or, for crying out loud, Travolta and Uma Thurman reprising their dance scene from *Pulp Fiction*, right there, in the middle of everything? The entire film is schtick, tics, and mostly unsuccessful non sequitur. *Be Cool* isn't just self-referential; it's self-deprecating. ★★☆☆☆ (MS)

Bride and Prejudice—The Bollywood Musical (PG) In the traditional imaginary world of Bollywood cinema, even the steamiest romance includes not one single kiss on the lips. Thank director Gurinder Chadha (*Bend it Like Beckham*) for attempting to bring the aesthetic to the rest of us, and possibly sending India's Aishwarya Rai into global megastardom. Despite a series of misunderstandings and near misses, you can tell that everyone gets their happy ending. Though one might quibble with the way the film glosses over class issues, after the first couple of Bollywood dance numbers, one may forgive such oversights. ★★★☆☆ (MS)

Constantine (14A) With Keanu Reeves in the role, Constantine changes from a foul-mouthed Brit asshole to a moody Californian with a supernatural chip on his shoulder. A crack exorcist with a natural occult ability to see the "halfbreed" demons that walk the earth disguised as humans, he discovers a plot to bring Satan's son to earth, and he's gotta use his gadgets, sidekicks, and paranormal gifts to halt the impending apocalypse. There's just enough creativity in *Constantine* to cut through the Hollywood crappola and inane religious mumbo jumbo and recommend it as a fun matinee. ★★★☆☆ (DA)

Downfall (14A) Given that Hitler had enormous power over a whole nation and seemed well on his way to ruling the European continent, you would think he would be interesting to chat with, to try to figure what makes him tick. Sadly, in documenting the 12 days leading to Hitler's demise, Oliver Hirschbiegel's *Downfall* gives no clue as to what's going on in his mind as the Third Reich crashes down. If Hirschbiegel had really chewed on the scenes that had the potential, it could have an impact, as is, it doesn't present much beyond the facts. ★★★☆☆ (AK)

Fever Pitch (PG) *Fever Pitch* is the second adaptation of yet another novel by Nick Hornby (*High Fidelity*, *About a Boy*). Schoolteacher Ben (Jimmy Fallon) and successful office occupier Lindsay (Drew Barrymore) get together, and they're a cute couple, until Ben reveals his pathological passion for the Red Sox. Though the Fallon-Barrymore *Fever Pitch* doesn't dish out many comedic curveballs, it does hit the relationship sweet spot every so often—but Barrymore is the key, conveying so much earnest giddiness that you almost forget the film was directed by those dopiness-dealing Farrelly brothers. ★★★☆☆ (KW)

Guess Who (PG) Theresa brings Simon (Ashton Kutcher) home to announce their engagement at her parent's 25th wedding anniversary party, but this is a hunch-meets-the-family film, so nothing goes to plan. Oh, and her family is black and Simon is white. Although the tension is based on race, the issue is never really developed, nor does the tension seem sincere. However, *Guess Who* does manage to be surprisingly sincere about love. Love and respect manifest themselves in ways that are funny and tender, keeping the film afloat when the comedy feels flat and contrived. ★★★☆☆ (CQ)

Hitch (PG) The romantic self-help industry for women must raake in billions of dollars. But what do men have? Men need help too. That's the premise behind *Hitch*, a romantic comedy written and directed by men: Kevin Bisch and Andy Tennant (*Sweet Home Alabama*, *Anna and the King*, *Ever After*, *Fools Rush In*), respectively. Will Smith plays Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, a mysterious consultant for men in the ways of wooing. It's a very nice movie, and offers encouragement for the "ordinary man." But take it all with a grain of salt: this is a chick flick. Men may go see this and learn something about being a gentleman, but most likely not. ★★★☆☆ (MS)

Hostage (18A) Based on Robert Crais' bestselling book, *Hostage* has potential but unfortunately never delivers. The film suffers from a serious lack of pacing, a predictable screenplay, and stock secondary characters. It fails to connect as an action movie, or as a thriller—not good if the movie you're making is an action/thriller. Director Florent Siri's English language debut has visual style: the cinematography has an almost art-house look. But although he gets a decent performance out of Bruce Willis, where is the tension? Where is the suspense? Where is the kick-ass action sequence? ★★☆☆☆ (NK)

The Interpreter (14A) Silvia Broome (Nicole Kidman), a translator working at the UN, overhears a plot to kill Edmond Zuwanie, a warlord from the fictional African country, Matobo. Tobin Keller (Sean Penn), a recently widowed federal agent, is highly skeptical of Broome but he is assigned to investigate her allegations of the murder plot. Keller suspects Broome has her own political agenda because she used to be a member of a violent anti-Zuwanie movement. This politically limp mess lacks thrill, has a predictable plot, is full of holes and possessed of dreadful dialogue. ★★☆☆☆ (NC)

Kung Fu Hustle (14A) With *Kung Fu Hustle*, Stephen Chow manages to make a pretty straight-forward plot unpredictable by making every genre imaginable fight for attention in a much-too-small time frame. It may seem all chopped to bits, but part of the glee that, somehow, makes it all stick are special effects applied in an imaginative and inventive way that eminently complement the martial arts. *Kung Fu Hustle* does for kung fu what Chow's last blockbuster *Shaolin Soccer* did for footie: it employs zero realism in order to be as entertaining as possible. ★★★★☆ (LL)

Man of the House (14A) Surely even a Harvard grad like Jones could, without reading a script, have foreseen the foolishness in the scenario "a Texas ranger holes up with five cheerleaders who've witnessed a murder." *Man of the House* aims for a place between the funny bone and the gonads but merely dumps a flaming bolus of goo several yards from your feet. It's an action-comedy that's not funny, dramatic, touching, smart or classy, and even if it makes a profit should Jones be proud? Is it too much to ask millionaires try to make funny movies with craftsmanship? ★☆☆☆☆ (KW)

Millions (PG) If you're looking for an uplifting and downright life-affirming family film, the usual Hollywood assembly line pap drawn in your charge should see *Millions* from Danny Boyle. *Millions* is lighthearted, standards with its focus on saints and wi heart of the script by Frank Cottrell Boyce is the story of two boys dealing with the mother and the bitter father who might on. ★★★★★ (MH)

Million Dollar Baby (PG) *Million Dollar* from its start as a generic Cinderella story 30-something woman born into a "white-blowide existence, is looking to escape sion—in this case boxing. This formula would have even the most easily entertained the exits save that the film is well acted choreographed beautifully. This is Clint and part of the attraction in *Million Dollar* Eastwood himself: the guy is just so damn It's a shame that Paul Haggis' script is n Eastwood's charm, or *Million Dollar Baby* as good as the Academy would have u ★★★☆☆ (AK)

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fabulous (PG) first *Miss Congeniality*, tomboy FBI agent (Sandra Bullock) went undercover as a beauty The sequel takes place shortly after Gre in the first movie, and is initially about h terms with her newfound celebrity. The of the first *Miss Congeniality* came from transformation from unattractive mar pageant wo-man. This lame sequel fail the lame original because it doesn't ever lak concept to latch on to. ★★☆ (KJ)

The Ring Two (14 A) *The Ring* just would without that scary-ass well. Although with technophobia and a deadly ghost through a videotape, much has been that the film's core horror lies in Freud sexted by the well/vagina metaphor. Whether that or not, the story set piece symbolises the industry's business model of drawing well till it's dry. *The Ring Two* is awkward because of fatigue of watery black-haired family homes that this well needs to be capped ★★☆☆☆ (DA)

Robots (G) It's disappointing that *Robots* while humans ought to shirk, immediate-like. We the story: protagonist fighting the good impossible odds and saves the day so that partake in a choreographed group dance said, the film is beautifully rife with imagin screenwriters simply do not match the art visualists, though when the fast-pace feel kind of happy that everything turns out ing little Rodney. ★★★☆☆ (JW)

Sahara (PG) *Sahara* is unique in that it wea for classic adventure movies such as *Law* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Is this movie ibar as those classics? Not on your life. However, your brain at the door, it is possible to enjoy it threads don't match up, but for action junkies Breck Eisner (yes, the son of Disney head Michael deliver, albeit after a 40-minute wait with class involving planes, trains, automobiles, and ships ★★☆☆☆ (MH)

Sin City (R) As a meticulous collusion of design and cinematography: it's impossible not to admire craft behind *Sin City*, granting small pro itous gore and cheesecake sprinkled with hyper What's taking place on screen isn't really at all: *Sin City* is a movie about comic books (of variety). Directors Frank Miller and Robert have painstakingly constructed every detail Frame to look as though it were ripped from pulp. Though it can get tiresome, they succeed ★★★☆☆ (ZV)

XXX: State of the Union (14A) Not only former leading man Vin Diesel, but it is also unpredictable story line. This sequel features Samuel L. Jackson and Willem Dafoe ments that a poor follow-up movie has to sions and hot girls; explosions and kidnappings American President; explosions and Director Lee Tamahori leads the line cial f/x packed action sequences that do twists or turns. ★☆☆☆☆ (NC)

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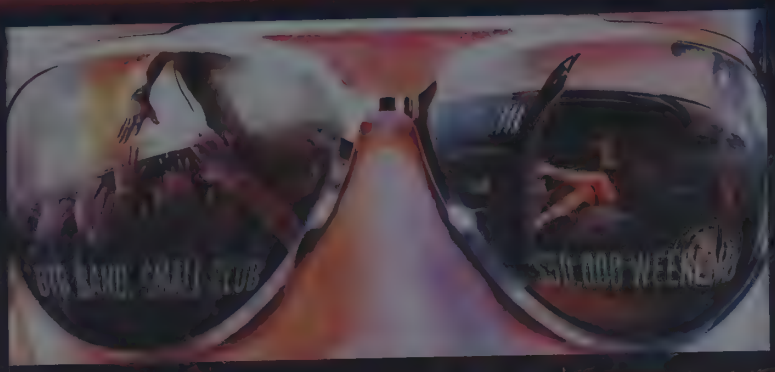

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LET, BEES, AND THE SUPERSTRING
are the underpinnings of
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of lack of ambition. In her new
she seeks to update *Hamlet*,
the superstring theory of
s to human relationships and
a comedy of country matters."
n the other hand...
umble Boy really has very little
with *Hamlet*," says Edmonton's
Dooley, who plays Jim—the
rious gardener. "The parallels
ere, but it's more an inspira-
People who want to examine the *Hamlet* angle only will have a really slim experience of the play."

Written by Charlotte Jones, *Humble Boy*, which closes the Citadel season, took home the 2001 Critics Circle Award for Best New Play following hugely successful runs at the Royal National Theatre and in the West End of London.

Life in Moreton in the Mold is a trifle tense—as Felix, a 35-year-old scientist comes home to bury his father, only to discover Mum (Flora) is poised to marry her lover of seven years. Country matters involve his mother's rather sleazy partner George Pye and his daughter Rosie, Felix's one-time girlfriend

"On the surface it is about a young man who comes home to bury his father," says Dooley, "only to discover Flora's affair. They come together on an abstract level. The play is really about someone who is trying to put the seen and unseen together. There's a scientific aspect."

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As far as plot [illegible] unwilling to reveal more [illegible] even chat about his charact[illegible] have strict instructions to try not to give it all away in interviews. If I do, I'll be punished with cool hard stares

What Dooley is willing to reveal is his enjoyment of working on the show for the past few months at Theatre Calgary. It's great, a good group of people. They're very supportive and that makes the process that much easier. This has been one of those wonderful experiences where it's very calm—you just get on with it, no trauma. [Director] Ian Prinsloo was truly generous. He maintained a wonderful calm and created an environment that was [conducive] to sharing of ideas There was debate on interpretive points but they were healthy debates, we didn't get all crazy."

That openness says Dooley allows the emotional territory of *Humble Boy* to flower. "It's a tangled scenario with a comedic pathos aspect and a bittersweet quality. Friends of mine say they were moved emotionally, and that emotional engagement is a must for me I think in the end, audiences will have a greater understanding of how we find ourselves in certain situations where we realize what was always there, which we may have dismissed, and ridden roughshod over, offers greater permanence than what we were looking for."

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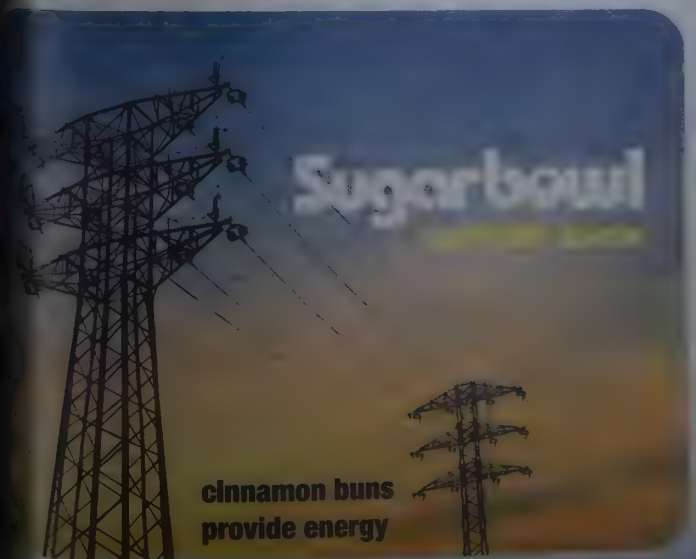
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REVIEW

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CHILDHOOD and adulthood, time unspools, stutters and halts as unravished innocence looks human experience in the eye for the first time. In most instances, that moment is the first sexual encounter—a moment that is hopefully full of beauty, but oftentimes happens in an offhand manner or, worst of all, hurtfully and unhealthily. That moment, with all its attendant tremulousness, excitement, and wonder forms the heart of Ken Cameron's *My One and Only*.

The play's backdrop is enviably lush—set in Banff during the summer of 1952, the Rockies stand sentinel over Scout, a 15-year old boy who encounters Marilyn Monroe Monroe is there to shoot *River of No Return*, and the girl-woman, in a fit of exuberance, asks Scout if she can borrow his bicycle. Out of that chance encounter, a May to September relationship springs, initiating the boy into the world of adult sensation without doing much to send him along the road to emotional stability.

Because, as is revealed, Scout can never get over those moments as Marilyn Monroe's lover

What drives the play is Scout's remembrance of things past as he's stopped in Los Angeles in 1963 for speeding. As he's questioned by a gruff no-nonsense cop, time and his memory accelerate into hyperdrive as the events of that fateful summer of loss and love come flooding over him.

Cameron's script, through its nonlinear disjointedness, constructs a compelling portrait of a person hanging somewhere in time, caught like an insect in amber, unable to move forward, or erase the past in order to move on. It's a painful portrait of psychic damage—for before Marilyn ever shimmers onto his horizon Scout is beset by the double standards of a world where women are at best expendable and at worst viewed as whores. It's a world where the need to touch is dirty and yet Maturity can take advantage of Innocence's vulnerability with complete moral justification

In an odd way, the figure of Marilyn Monroe, in this instance, is a metaphor for that situation. Interestingly, and tragically, her relationship with Scout mirrors that of his relationship with his mother: a definite incestuous note runs through the play and leads the audience to ask if Marilyn actually exist in this context, or is it an imaginary relationship, a way for Scout to cope with his reality? That question is not satisfactorily addressed either by the script or production, most likely because it's a thread that needs to be dropped or woven into the text more effectively in a further rewrite.

The river of emotions explored in Ron Jenkins's production is turbulent and disturbing territory. Tragedy washes over the onlooker. Jenkins's direction balances his trademark "in your face" emotional high stakes with a sense of lyricism contrasted with hollow despair. Designer Narda McCarroll's set does away with the Westbury's usual proscenium setup and opts instead for a playing space set between two banks of bleachers. What results is a narrow playing space with a mountainous platform at one end and Scout's house at the other. Between the two is a neutral area. Jenkins effectively uses the design to delineate different time/space dimensions and states of being for his protagonist. The result lends the tricky sequence of events a certain amount of fluidity and makes for an engrossing 90 minutes.

The cast is well matched with Glenn Nelson injecting some gruff hilarity into his work as the cop, and Annette Loiselle's broken vulnerability as Scout's mother, waiting for her one and only to return. April Banigan, despite a tremulous beginning, does find the warmer, tragic notes in Marilyn. What will most likely become more burnished as the run continues are the transitions between Monroe and Norma Jean. It is a lovely performance.

However, the evening really belongs to Chris Fassbender. If it is possible to describe a man as luminous, he is. The emotional honesty he brings to the stage is unflinching. [illegible] course of his story becomes a horrendous and yet comfortingly human experience. Over all, *My One and Only* is darkly disturbing theatre, an experience which I am not afraid to admit has kept me awake in the wee hours.

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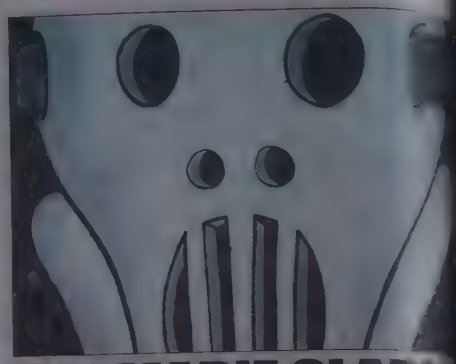

EVA MARIE CLARK CURTAIN RAISER

ALAS AND ALACK AND WOE IS ME TODAY petite moi officially enters a new demographic. Sadly it is my 35th birthday, which automatically marks me as being too decrepit to either read or write for *Dose*. Why name a daily after the slang for gonorrhea is beyond me. Ah well, to each his or her own. Should you see me lurking around an opening or the Next Act, buy me a drink—it will help me forget. Enough of the self congratulatory moaning—on with the real gossip and slander.

LET'S GET COSY...

It's back and more sinister looking than ever. The Carnival of Shrieking Youth celebrates its 13th outing with a screaming goalie mask and more entertainment than you can shake a chainsaw at. Karl Schreiner has, for the last 11 years, served as the major-domo of madness. This year he heads up a festival that sprawls all over Edmonton from Old Strathcona to 97 [illegible]

"When the festival started 13 years ago, it took place in the very small Nexus Theatre Space, downtown, and it was four shows over four days. This year, it's 50 shows—10 plays, 9 films, seven dance shows, 39 bands—visual arts, 10 singer song writers, and the list keeps growing every time I look at my watch. It's 25 days long this year." The venues include the PCL Studio Theatre in the Arts Barns, the Citadel's Rice Theatre, the Red Strap Market, the Timms's Centre Second Playing Space, and Metro Cinema.

Covering the full gamut of the fine arts—film, dance, visual art, music—COSY is a fairly high-profile going concern. Especially for those too young to participate in Nextfest. The non-juried event, says Schreiner, is varied in scope and topics covered. "There isn't one flavour. With theatre, you're looking at everything from absurd comedy to the deepest, darkest of dramas. It's right across the spectrum. Film is the same this year. However, we have several shows that are about, or have their basis in the whole reality TV thing. The comedy *Win a New Life* is reality TV with a twist. This woman goes out and participates in a TV show and wins an entirely new life—new house, new job, new boyfriend—everything, her whole life is stripped away and gone. She has a whole new fabulous life, but that's not where the show ends.

"Another play *The Green Room* is about the antics backstage. It takes us from an hour before the opening show of a run to the end of the production"

Schreiner notes the inclusion of past COSY participants is keeping him form pulling his hair out. "Old festival alumni have come back to take a mentorship role. Jason McGee is in charge of theatre, Matthew Watterworth is in charge of film, Vanessa Young is our Dance coordinator, and [illegible] tie Cuvilier heads up the band [illegible]

Schreiner says COSY is [illegible] Edmonton scene "Over the pa[illegible] we've had 8,000 participants M[illegible] like [Sound and Fury Art[illegible] Ryan Hughes and [Teens at the T[illegible] dinator] Mark Haroun have [illegible] So, fire up the chainsaw [illegible] show—tickets available at the A[illegible] with the exception of Dance [illegible] Citadel: those tickets can be [illegible] the time of the show, and [illegible] Loud tickets are available a[illegible] Centre.

FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT

Edmonton's glitterati will be o[illegible] the hash at Workshop West [illegible] sumable of fundraisers—the Celeb[illegible] Fight. Six of Edmonton's most [illegible] purveyors of comestibles [illegible] dessert and scotch supplier w[illegible] some of their best wares to th[illegible] participating restaurants so far [illegible] House, Rigoletto, High Level [illegible] Altitude Catering. A dessert outf[illegible] extra restaurant have yet to be [illegible] says Workshop West GM Jacque[illegible] sant. La Poissant is up to her delicate[illegible] elled chin in preparations and admi[illegible] tiny frisson of excitement about the [illegible] pating celebs "So far we have Peter [illegible] Mark Scholtz, Alan Kellogg, Ro[illegible] Michael Phair, and the wonderfully [illegible] Sheri Somerville. There are two m[illegible] guests. Each will be assigned a table [illegible] tiny hors d'oeuvres and will have [illegible] them for $2 each. The whole idea [illegible] they have to yell louder than the [illegible] tables and lie and cheat in order to [illegible] "Fightie Award"". And just what [illegible] Seemingly, it's a very tacky WWE [illegible] belt. Ms Poissant would not re[illegible] depths to which contestants in ca[illegible] have stooped...

We will see. The Third Annu[illegible] Food Fight takes place at 9:30 pm on [illegible] May 6, in the Transalta Arts Barns a[illegible] evening's performance of *My One* [illegible] Tickets, which include the show [illegible] and may be purchased by calling W[illegible] West at 477-5955.

SHORT AND SWEET

...and Walterdale Theatre [illegible] One Acts gets off and running [illegible] the venerable firehall. The eve[illegible] new one-act plays includes *The* [illegible] by Catherine Francis, *Chance* [illegible] Charles Netto and *Kissing the* [illegible] Leland Stelck. Tickets are [illegible] Tix on the Square and the shows [illegible] pm.

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New York state of Mind

When Agnostic Front's Roger Miret says he's "hardcore for life," he ain't kidding

OSTIC FRONT
A.D and All Shall Perish, Wed, May
The Starlite Room (10030-102 St), info:
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E TERM "HARDCORE" HAS BEEN
ound for so long in punk-rock that
mewhat has come to signify a
on generation gap among listen-
A 30-year-old wearing a
Black Flag t-shirt if he likes
core then pose the same ques-
teenager sporting dyed-
hair and body modifications.
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are they're not moshing
double-time kick-drum.
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surfaced in the early '80s in
to bands like Minor
Kennedys and Agnos-
whose passable musician-
stripped-down, raw sounds,
solvos aimed at the Rea-
Thatcher became the hard-
type
hardcore has been
into a formation that's big
essed, technically profi-
scream-centric, and its
stray into the world of
Bands with names
As I Lay Dying, and
Autumn to Ashes sell kids
goth brand of contempo-
hard core and pay little notice to
roots.

RULES ARE GOOD RULES

front vocalist Roger
acknowledges hardcore's
tion, but says he doesn't
puritanical attitude about it.
term goes beyond a
signifier. For Miret, a
immigrant brought up on
New York's Lower
and a 20-plus-year veter-
"hardcore" translates
it, "my entire way of

I to say what it is or
says Miret about
current incarnation. On
from Corpus Christi,
Miret reluctantly accepts his venerable position of authority, but suggests that his career is more than just a long resume of playing a certain style of music. "I guess I should be [an authority] because it's something we started and created, but I don't want to be that person that says, 'These are the rules.' I don't go by rules, I never did.

"To me, hardcore is a feeling of pride. The feeling of honesty within yourself, and commitment to something you really love and do for yourself. It's not a trend—it's a lifestyle, man."

THE EAST ENDERS

In Miret's case, one could argue, it's not even so much a chosen lifestyle, but simply the life he's lived. Joining Agnostic Front at the age of 17, he and guitarist Vinnie Stigma (the current line-up's only original members), released AF's full-length debut, *Victims in Pain*, in 1984. A blistering-fast attack of street-bred angst, the record set a new standard for punk-rock intensity, establishing New York hardcore as a rival to California's then-dominant scene.

The unprecedented brutality and aggression of AF and like-minded New York bands with an inclination for speed, ferocity, and violent lyricism contrasted greatly with Cali groups like Black Flag's late-period sludgy, Sabbathy tendencies, Fear's theatrics or the Descendents' firm handle on melody. NYHC was ugly and unapologetic, and its practitioners held no false pretenses of ever being embraced by mainstream audiences. Agnostic Front and other NYHC bands were angry and tough because of the environment from which they came—the mean streets of Lower East Side Manhattan in the 1980s.

"New York City has changed a lot, but so have I," says Miret of his muse. "The days of my youth in New York are what fueled me back then. For instance, the songs we wrote about the Lower East side—if you walk around there now, you won't get it, and I don't expect you to, because it's nothing like what it used to be.

"I realize those days are truly gone, and the place I knew may be gone too, but that doesn't mean my mind is gone, you know what I'm sayin? I don't live there anymore because I can't afford it. Like everyone else, I got pushed out because of money. So now I live in Queens, where it's pretty much the same as my upbringing."

TOO PISSED TO QUIT

Touring through Western Canada for the first time in the band's 23-year history, Miret and Stigma will be pushing Agnostic's new album, *Another Voice*. It's a politically-charged sequel to their 1992 release *One Voice*, which Miret penned from a jail cell during his two-year incarceration on drug charges, a subject he refused to discuss for this interview.

Miret acknowledges common themes between the two records, saying both are about voicing rage in the face of oppression. From the gentrification of New York, inadequate working wages, street justice, and maintaining unity in the hardcore community, Miret, whose band has managed to outlive most their contemporaries, is still one heavily-tattooed, angry, NYHC tough-guy who's got something to say, like or not. So much for mellowing out in old age.

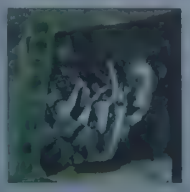
"It's pretty simple—it's been my life for as long as...," Miret's thick New Yawk accent trails off when he's asked about staying passionate over the years. "I see people my age. I have a daughter, she's 18; I go to her school stuff, and those parents, those fathers, look like they're just tired of life, you know what I mean? Fat and old—not enjoying themselves. I'm still in touch with everyone, still having a great time. Music has always been fantastic to me, you know what I'm sayin?"

JASON KELLER

NYHC'S FINEST

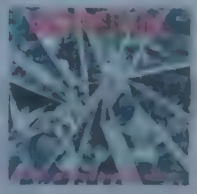
Hey youse f-n' knuckleads head, listen up. If you want to be down with NYHC, here're the essentials, know what I'm sayin?

AGNOSTIC FRONT *Victims in Pain /Cause for Alarm/Live at the CBGB's* (1984, 1986, and 1990)
Hmm... tough choice: *Victims* for its historic value, *Cause* for its speed, intensity, and controversy (the supposedly misunderstood "Welfare Assistance" song got them a right-wing rap and a spot on Donahue!). *Live at CBGB's* was Miret's goodbye before heading off to prison; AF fans swear by the live album, saying no other record captures the Zeitgeist of the NYHC movement in quite the same way.



CRO-MAGS *Age of Quarrel* (1986)
Arguably the benchmark of 1980s' New York Hardcore, *Quarrel* quickly followed on the heels of Agnostic Front's trailblazing footsteps. It is violent and brutishly uncompromising. After this record, the band suffered constant infighting and line-up changes, never eclipsing their debut.

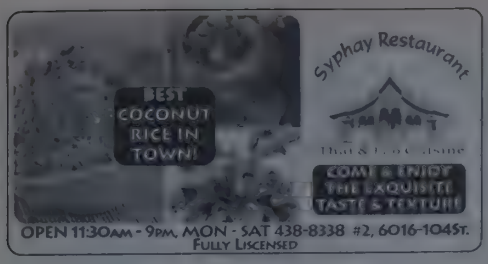
GORILLA BISCUITS *Start Today* (1989)
This could be a contentious one fo
NYHC purists due to the fact that this band came out of the short-lived straight edge sub-movement of the late '80s/early '90s. Consisting of members of Youth of Today, Civ, and the dudes that went on to form Quicksand, GB was a "motivational" hardcore band hell-bent on having good, clean fun, staying positive, and keeping it light on the aggro-tip.



SICK OF IT ALL *Blood, Sweat & No Tears* (1989)
Known more for their insanely-chaotic live show than for studio magic, SOIA nonetheless hit the hardcore nail on the head when they released *Blood* during the pinnacle of the late '80s NYHC scene. The raw, monotone vocals are sometimes hard to take, but the energy and intensity is incomparable. No surprise they're still going today.

MADBALL *Set it Off* (1994)
Sort of the little brother to Agnostic Front (Madball features Roger Miret's real little brother Freddy Cricien, on vocals). Not surprisingly, Madball carries AF's torch with reoccurring themes about "staying true to yourself" and "never losing your sense of unity." Still going strong today, their mosh pits are the stuff of legends—and nightmares.

JASON KELLER



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CHANCES ARE YOU THINK OF JAKALOPE as the quite successful studio project of industrial Godfather Dave "Rave" Ogilvie, an outfit quickly assembled when Rave was approached about doing an album of his own. Chances are, you may have to rethink this horny bunny.

While the speed by which Jakalope came to be may only be matched by the outfit's rate of success, its background is a tad more complicated—starting with a bunch of unfinished songs Rave had laying about from years of writing and recording. Feeling that this new project required a vocalist with a voice one wouldn't usually expect from the type of music Rave's known for composing, he approached acquaintance Katie Biever, an assistant manager at Vancouver's Warehouse Studios.

EAGER BIEVER

"I'd been working at the studio for a while, and I would do backup vocals and was always doing all kinds of music things, so when Dave asked me it was just another guy saying, 'Hey, let's work on some music together.' I really just knew him as a friend," says Biever, who, one suspects, must be getting a tad wary of all things pertaining to Rave's work with everyone but Jakalope: Trent Reznor, David Bowie, and–in particular–Skinny Puppy.

"No I don't mind at all, I can totally understand people's fascination with it," she says. "I knew all the things that he had worked on but I've met so many people that have done so many things, he was just another person who had done a lot of really cool things... it's not like I got whisked off to somewhere to start a new life working in Jakalope. I'm still living in the same place, still doing the same thing—just on a much larger scale than I'd ever imagined."

Given the fact that Katie, like Skinny Puppy's vocalist Kevin "Ogre" Ogilvie, hails from the Calgary area, it's tempting to suggest that Rave has a particular preference for vocalists from southern Alberta. "You know he must. It's funny at our label it's the same thing—a lot of Albertans," says Biever. "I hope they all don't leave the province as there seems to be a lot of talent born there."

Given the enormous amount of baggage Rave brings with him to Jakalope, the outfit has quickly been pegged as "industrial"—a tag, one would suspect, applied for lack of a better description, and one Biever doesn't necessarily agree with. "I say it has industrial influences... I can't really put my finger on what exactly I think it is that we are because the influences all come from such drastically different areas and from the people that are involved," she says. "What Rave does obviously has that feel because that's what he does, and that's what he's known for doing, that's what he created." But, she points out, there were plenty of other people from various ends of the musical spectrum involved in bringing Jakalope to life—herself included.

MULTI-HEADED BEAST

So don't think for an instant that Biever is just another pretty face fronting the studio project of an industry legend. "I feel a lot of people do wonder, 'Is she just the pretty face of Jakalope,' but I c[illegible] the songs, I wrote my ly[illegible] the melodies, and I'm si[illegible] she says. "There's not a [illegible] did to my voice to mak[illegible] way it is, like is so often t[illegible] these days with female s[illegible] really the only way to pr[illegible] when people come to the co[illegible] and it's me singing. I'm not fak[illegible] anything here."

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"I think it's going continue t[illegible] develop and elaborate and ne[illegible] influences will come in becaus[illegible] aren't just five people in a ban[illegible] Rave and myself and pretty m[illegible] anybody else that has approac[illegible] us, and I think that's what will [illegible] always keep Jakalope really ex[illegible] and really fresh for people."

LECH LIN[illegible]

Ampin' ROCK 'N' ROLL OVER

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS SEES THE CLOSING of **Seedy's** nightclub... and an uncertain future for the **Shark Tank**. Seedy's shuts its doors on May 14th (Saturday), so try to pop in and say hello while you still can. The Shark Tank was broken into and its P.A. was stolen. As one of Edmonton's only all-ages venues (read: poorer), it hit especially hard. Here's wishing both venues and all people involved best of luck and condolences.

But enough of that: On Thursday the 5th, Saskatoon's **Junior Pantherz**, with guests **Wet Secrets** and the **Rockin' Mexicans**, are at New City. They'll also be playing the following night (Friday the 6th) at the Shark Tank with **Our Mercury** and guests. All ages of course, so come enjoy some tomfoolery. Backing up to Thursday for a moment, the Timms Center for the Arts kicks off the four day **Carnival of Shrieking Youth** (May 5 – 8, 87 Ave and 112 St, U of A campus). The line up for the festival includes **Deadcity Serpents**, **Blame Its**, **Chick Maggot**, **Blacklisted**, **A Last Goodbye**, as well as a pile of others. The shows all get under way at 5 pm-ish, so head out early to catch all the acts. If you're looking to check out some new bands that you may be unfamiliar with, you could probably fill your yearly quota over these four days, damn.

Saturday the 7th: more Seedy's "end is nigh" celebrations with **Columbus** and **Fosters & McGarvey**. Meanwhile, New City brings Secretly Canadian Recording artists **Magnolia Electric Co.** to the stage with **Chad VanGaalen** and **Field and Stream**. Man, Chad must really like the water up here in Edmonton.

Monday the 9th sees the return of **Bleeding Through** at the Shark Tank with guests, and New City hosts an all-ages bash with **Lower Class Brats**, **Clit 45**, and more.

I guess **Sloan** is still kicking it, as their appearance at Starlite on Tuesday the 10th would indicate. They'll be sharing the stage with **Magneta Lane**.

On Wednesday, May 11th, **Kinnie Starr** plays New City with **Mike Clarke**; NYHC legends **Agnostic Front**, with **Martyr A.D.** and **All Shall Perish**, are at the Starlite.

U.K. salty dogs the **Vibrators** [illegible] New City on the 12th with the G[illegible] **Demons** and **Hit and Run** (last [illegible] These guys (the Vibrators) have been [illegible] strong since 1976. I mean, Stiff Little [illegible] even named themselves after one of [illegible] songs. That's some serious longevity.

Friday the 13th is the eleventh [illegible] Seedy's, with **Road to Nowhe[illegible]** guests taking penultimate honou[illegible] **Vegas Crypt Keepers** rock out [illegible] Shark Tank with guests. **Boys Nig[illegible]** hit up Starlite with **Blue Skies at War** [illegible] more.

Saturday is—cue funeral bells—[illegible] of Seedy's. Come say goodbye wi[illegible] off reunited **Krazy 8's** and the **James [illegible] Kirks**. And continuing the theme, [illegible] **moth** plays their final show at the [illegible] Room. Hallowed be thy name.

Tuesday the 17th brings the [illegible] punch of **...Trail of Dead** and [illegible] **national) Noise Conspiracy**. But if you want to save your [illegible] **George Thorogood** (playing [illegible] next night—the 18th), I under[illegible] we all do.

JAMES ST[illegible]

...LES TRAVELERS Always on the road, Jason Molina shares Electric ...mpany with the new musicians on *What Comes After the Blues*

The post-Ohia *Blues*

Songs: Ohia main-man Jason Molina answers his own questions with a fresh start

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...FCADE PRIOR TO 2003'S ...classic *The Magnolia Electric* ...son Molina released a steady ...of constantly evolving ...heartbreak rock under ...Ohia. Each ...with a different lineup of ...and at various spots around ...most infamously, 2000's ...was recorded with the ...crop of the Scottish indie ...Molina's lovelorn ballads ...the lengthy minimalist ...piece of "Ghost Tropic" to the ...endorsed rambling of ...and "Impala."

...Swansong, *The Magnolia Elec-* ...blended all of Molina's earli- ...into a brilliant update of ...rock—the first time a ...album has sounded like ...work of an actual band instead ...ensembled group of support ...Fitting, then, how Molina ...the book on Songs: Ohia ...the title of that ...chapter returns now ...an official band and a new ...

...on the road, where he typically ...much of his time, Molina ...reason for the name change ...actual weight. "[It] was main- ...to be a marker for the 10th ...songs: Ohia. Ultimately I ...that [2002's folk-driven mas- ...] *Didn't It Rain* was the ...that most effectively summa- ...all of what I was trying to get ...all those years. I want a ...lineup and have started to ...without any worries ...they are all connected to ...hundreds and hundreds of other ...recorded."

...Magnolia Electric Co.'s first ...came earlier this year ...limited-edition live record ...Years (now out-of-print), ...new *What Comes After the* ...recorded live to tape with ...presents a relaxed, con- ...Molina as content to hold the ...with the sparse acoustic ...Hammer Down" as he is ...in the background for co-vocalist Jennie Benford's self-penned and performed "The Night Shift Lullaby." Clocking in at less than 40 minutes, it [illegible] and moving collection yet.

Of his compatriots, Molina is not merely a bandleader, but a solid fan of their other work. "Basically in Southern Indiana you have a huge amount of musicians. I was able to see a lot of good bands playing out, and through seeing these bands over and over and meeting them, I wasn't surprised to find myself playing in a group with some of my favourite musicians," he says. Jennie Benford is best known for her work with Jennie and the Pinetops, whereas bassist Pete Schreiner, guitarist Jason Groth and drummer Mark Rice also perform as the up-and-coming Coke Dares.

Molina's dedication to his new band mates has also led to the shelving of several recorded Songs. Ohia projects, including a volume of the Konkurrent label's wondrous *In The Fishtank* series and a long-rumoured Philly-soul-infused session featuring horn sections and female backing singers. "There's some really interesting things that came out of those sessions, but nothing that sits easily in the context of other recordings. I don't know if they'll come out or not—I'm too busy writing new songs for Magnolia to even start worrying about all of the orphan songs." Already announced for 2005, a 10-inch EP recorded with Paul Mahern featuring a "kind of soul 45 sound," and another year's worth of life on tour.

Recently uprooted from his Chicago home (a move mourned on *What Becomes of the Blues*'s elegiac, horn-driven centerpiece "Leave The City"), Molina's music promises to constantly evolve across a changing landscape, albeit now with a constant group of fellow travelers at his side. As he puts it himself, "It killed me to have to leave Chicago. I simply couldn't afford to be in a full-time touring band and be there. The old cliché of highways being the home of musicians has played out to some degree with me over the last 10 years."

MARK HAMILTON

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LAST YEAR, TUFF HOUSE RECORDS AND the Alberta Foundation for the Arts held a three-day hip-hop summit to promote education and unity in E-lympia. The summit included discussion panels, trade shows, and performances.

SEE sat down with one of the event's coordinators, DJ Meeks, to get a preview of what to expect for this year's summit.

What topics of discussion are scheduled for the panel?
DJ Meeks: The whole point of the panel is to have people from the audience ask questions that are relevant to what they want to know about the music industry in Alberta, and what resources are available to them. This is a very educational session, and people can expect topics such as recording, mastering, how to put together albums, how to get your music played, promotion, networking, business, etc.

Have you noticed people from the scene applying some of the knowledge they obtained at last year's forum?
It's funny that you ask that, because in the last year I have seen so many people getting their music mastered. This is something that you just didn't see in this city a few years ago. People had no idea how to get it done, where to get it done, or why they needed it done. After last year's panel, artists found out what type of services were at their disposal, and they really took advantage of it, which is great because that is why we have these discussions, to inform people of what is out there

What was the biggest obstacle you've faced so far in hosting this year's summit?
The city pulled our graffiti show at the last minute, so we had to reschedule it. Oddly enough, as it turns out, the city of Beaumont was more than willing to let us put on the display at their skate park.

What are some things you hope people from the scene will leave with after this year's summit?
I'm really hoping that this year people who come to the festival will start to understand that their province is developing it's own style and flavour, and that there is really good music being made here in their own backyard. I want people to leave knowing they had a good time, got to see good live shows, and caught a glimpse of what Alberta hip hop is evolving into.

MARLON WILSON

ZOLTAN VARADI

SOUL TALKING
IN THE EARLY '90S, A CREW [illegible] Hieroglyphics helped provide [illegible] ance and contrast to the Eazy-[illegible] Shorts that West Coast h[illegible] known for, showing that th[illegible] more than just gangstas, low [illegible] Converse Chuck Taylors.

But, out of the whole cr[illegible] Casual, Del, The Prose, and [illegible] Of Mischief gained the most [illegible] cess, due in part to their now[illegible] "93 'Til Infinity." Finding its w[illegible] stereos and Walkmans, the [illegible] beat, precocious lyrics and [illegible] made it a hip-hop anthem for th[illegible] of 1993. Together, A-plus, [illegible] and Tajai found a way to attrac[illegible] tion of the mainstream without [illegible] mise.

At a time when undergr[illegible] was reserved for exclusively [illegible] Soul's of Mischief's debut '93 T[illegible] charted on Billboard's R&B chart[illegible] as on the Top 200. With the [illegible] infectious "That's When Ya [illegible] "Never No More," the Souls sound[illegible] place in hip hop.

The albums that followed, while cr[illegible] ered classics, unfortunately had less [illegible] mercial success.

After 12 years in the game Souls of [illegible] chief are presently on a cross-C[illegible] to introduce themselves to hip-hop [illegible] generation—a generation that may not [illegible] aware of this group that helped open d[illegible] for the likes of Dilated Peoples, Planet [illegible] and others representing the Left Coast.

Souls of Mischief w/Bukue One, Braze, Sound Barriers, Epic, DGC, [illegible] and Weez II, Fri, May 6, The Power [illegible] (U of A [illegible]

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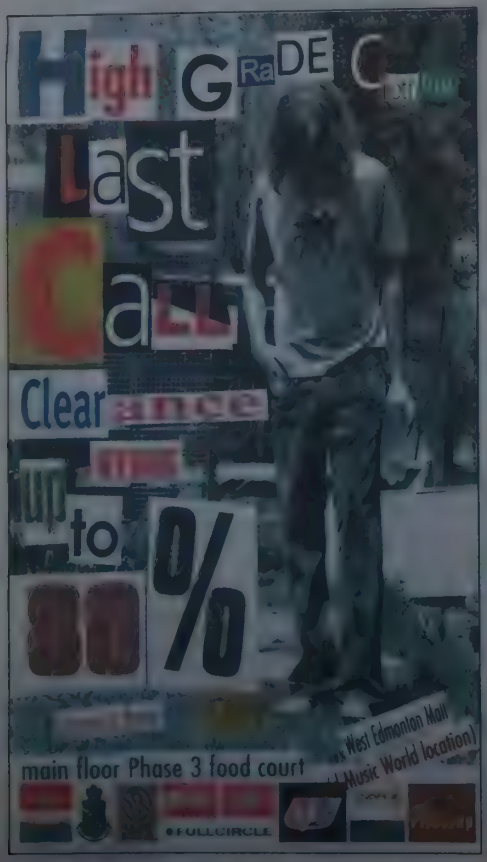


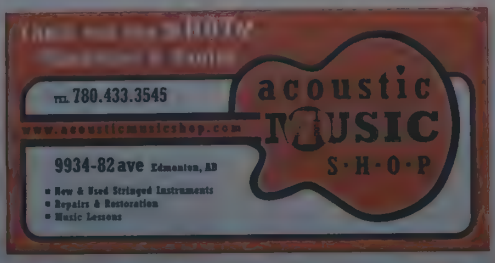
The Warehouse

The legendary Frankie Knuckles makes his Edmonton debut

THE "GODFATHER OF SOUL" MAY HAVE slipped-up drastically over time, but the "Godfather of House" keeps on moving like it's still 1982. **Frankie Knuckles,** widely accepted as the inventor of the genre, will bring classic house beats, both anthemic and futuristic, to the Standard as he makes his first appearance ever in Edmonton (Thu, May 5, 6104-104 St).

However, it's not like Knuckles went into a lab and came out with a concoction called house—it's a little more detailed than that. Born in New York in 1955, Knuckles was playing clubs as soon as he could legally get through the door in the early 1970s. [illegible] Levan, of whom Knuckles was a protege, [illegible] ommended Frankie to the operators [illegible] brand new club in Chicago called The [illegible] house in 1977. Yes, that "Warehouse" [illegible] sound Knuckles spun had people [illegible] "house," after the name of the venue [illegible] after slang used in Chicago for all things [illegible] fresh, and hip. And Knuckles sets [illegible] tainly that.

So, as his legend grew and grew, he [illegible] producing, and the resulting mixes [illegible] accepted as the first house records. [illegible] quintessential label, Trax, he created [illegible] Wants To Ride" with Jamie Principle [illegible] then "Your Love," "Only The Strong [illegible] vive," "You Can't Hide From Yourself," [illegible] "It's A Cold World." His work estab[illegible] status not only with underground [illegible] cionados but also with major labels [illegible] artists looking for remixes. But, as he [illegible] mented with the pop and soul on [illegible] jects, he would continue to make [illegible] the underground as well. ("The [illegible] Song" is still one of the best house [illegible] made.) In 1991 he hooked up with [illegible] Satoshi Tomiie to make "Tears." The [illegible] ship moved Knuckles closer to [illegible] up with Def Mix partners Tomie and [illegible] Morales. His most recent album [illegible] *New Reality*, featured classic [illegible] new forms with Jamie Principle, E[illegible] and Tomiie.



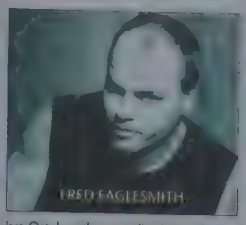
Where Eaglesmith dares

workhorse would rather be an "almost was"

ESMITH
Flying Squirrel Revue, Fri, May 6, 8 pm,
Cultural Centre (10819-71 Ave), TIX
phone 420-1757

APPROPRIATE THAT CATCHING UP
Eaglesmith would require a cell
somewhere between Min-
and Fargo. He's been zigzagging
continent for nearly 20 years,

is hot right now, more popu-
selling out shows from Texas
to Europe and rewarding
"Fredheads" with music that does
categorization. Folk, Ameri-
—take your pick; every time
has tried to pigeonhole Eagle-
eludes their grasp. He writes
about every day—tightly crafted
evoke images of real people and
He is a storyteller above all else.
sense, Eaglesmith's career and
have been defined by his fierce
dance. Raised on a series of farms in Ontario, Eaglesmith hopped a freight West when his father lost the farm. He returned to farming and then to a successful business career before finding his muse as a songwriter and performer. He's won a Juno; Kasey Chambers and The Cowboy Junkies have recorded his songs. Through it all, he's held on to his own identity. "Independence has served me well in the long run," reasons Eaglesmith. "In the short term, it's not so good because a major label can give you a boost. On the other hand, I've seen a lot of people come and go, and I'd much rather be an 'almost was' than a 'has been.'"



Eaglesmith counts himself fortunate at being in the right place at the right time, musically. "Whenever parameters have been set and I approach them, they seem to move in a way that works for me. It's all a roll of the dice. Who knew that Americana would be such a big thing in the early '90s, and, yet, there I was. Opportunity is where hard work and luck meet."

Take *Dusty*, his latest recording. Released last October, the recording is a mellower, more acoustic take on the self-professed "little songs" that Eaglesmith is proud to write. "I had been listening to Dusty Springfield and Chet Baker, and Glen Campbell... music from the early '60s, pre-Beatles. I felt that people were tired of the bom-bom-bom and big guitar chords of alt-country and I wanted to do a record that had rural themes but left out the 'stuff.'" The result is an album that has been growing steadily in critical acclaim and once again Eaglesmith is seeing the parameters shift.

In the meantime there is the road. "The road takes you right down immediately, gives you an overview of your life. It takes your ego away, especially the way we travel. Almost all the growth in my life has been on the road... that's where I've learned."

CAM HAYDEN

anther instincts!

e junior Pantherz' mysterious "group mind"

PANTHERZ
Mexicans, Thu, May 5,
(10081 Jasper Ave), info: 429-CLUB,
May 6, Shark Tank (10249-97 St.)

BANDS ARE LIKE DYSFUNCTIONAL
members perpetually walking the
explosive hostility—a ticking
ing down to breakup-ville.
is the junior Pantherz.
rockers play with all the
and fury that their jungle name-
attacking the genre with the sin-
believers and the freshness semi-
sometimes imparts. They also live up
of their moniker—they plas-
their CDs with stickers that
Grammy Nominee" as a lark, and
Vancouver gig to find a wall of
bouncing them as such.
benefits the "prairie boy" stereo-
S.J. Kardash is low-key and
and unfailingly gracious about his
front man and guitarist Terry
drummer Arnold Van Lambal-
course that's his real name. Why would anyone make that up?").

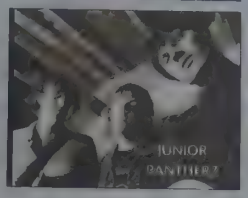
"Terry writes all the lyrics—he's prolific. I think he's a great poet," Kardash says. "I'm constantly impressed by what he's singing. He's a very personal writer, and I respect people who can do that."

Kardash started his relationship with the Pantherz by recording them in his basement studio a couple times before pleading to join. "I couldn't live without playing with them," he declares simply.

Not that he's suicidal—just passionate about the Pantherz. He's also chuffed about their new album, *Death By Life*, recorded, like their previous four, in his basement.

"It's a lot more raw than the other albums," he muses. "Most of it was recorded off the floor, which is well-suited to the songs—rough around the edges. Originally, we were finalizing arrangements and recording jams, and thinking we could almost release them. We wanted to capture the energy, the feeling. It felt right."

Ah, "It felt right," AKA "Panther Instinct." The boys seem to share a wavelength as well as an aesthetic.



Such as: since they write new material all the time, when do they know they are ready to record?

"We just... *know*. We'd actually like to release more, more often," he offers. Given that they've dropped five albums in six years, that seems as ambitious as their upcoming coast-to-coast tour, which will bring them to New York for a showcase.

"Every album, we start taking everything more seriously," Kardash adds. "We want a career. So we decided to step things up—play more, look for a label, work harder. I'd be curious to hear what sounds emerge with another producer; to hear what a fourth ear would come up with."

And how did they come up with this trajectory?

Kardash pauses before replying, "We all decided, collectively. It just happened."

CHRISTA O'KEEFE

ongevity

an confounds expectations

Tues. May 10, The Starlite
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NER, AS A NOUN, SHOULD BE
the vernacular as slang for
people." Which begs the
compliment or pejorative?
have buckled under the
thrown at the Halifax-cum-
during the course of their 15-
progenitors of the early-to-
music mania, sellouts, alt-
Much Music darlings, over-

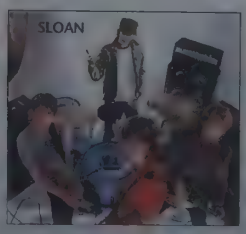
tag has merit. Sloan has been
successful and resolutely ignored.
part of North America
can pack a large-ish venue
of people or fill a small one
They've championed the
been the little guy—
underrecords, yet have also been in bed with big boys like Geffen. They come off like cool scene geeks, but also like the smug rock stars they just as surely are.

Bassist/vocalist Chris Murphy shrugs off the suggestion that their mutable identity
fortable for the band, and he doesn't see the new release of *A Sides Win*, a collection of the group's singles to date, as likely to pigeonhole them for once and for all.

"I figure we have two assignments, in a way," Murphy philosophizes. "We have to do something for the housewives and little girls, and something for the indie rock nerds, which is the world I have allegiance to—I came from liking DC hardcore, like Minor Threat. So we want to do our best for those people, too."

Ergo their current set list draws from their "hits" and also contains obscure songs from their appreciable back catalogue (they've never stopped making new records, even as their profile dipped).

Murphy points out they serve both kinds of Sloan fans offstage too. *A Sides Win* is "for the casual listener," he says. "Then there's the DVD with lots of nerdy things for true fans—14 videos, plus a live appearance from home movies or TV of every track, and a mockumentary of 'making of,' and some extras."



He warns against using either new offering to try to nail the Sloan thing down. "This isn't our history. It's not a summation of our work, because we're not done. We're not a new band anymore but we're not icons yet."

Murphy lets out a barking laugh. "We want to stay around long enough to go from 'ironic' to 'iconic'."

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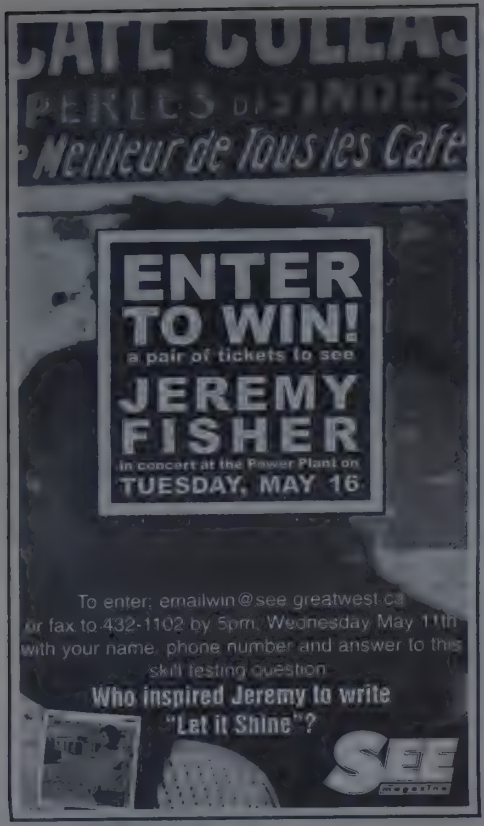
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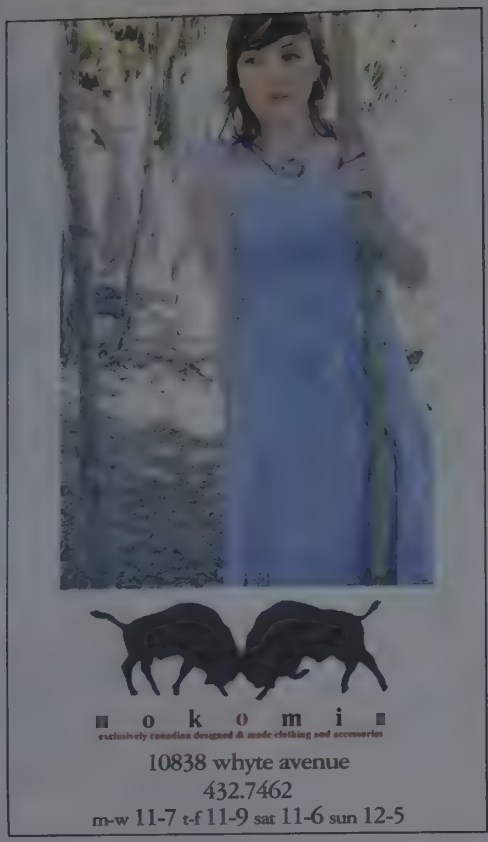
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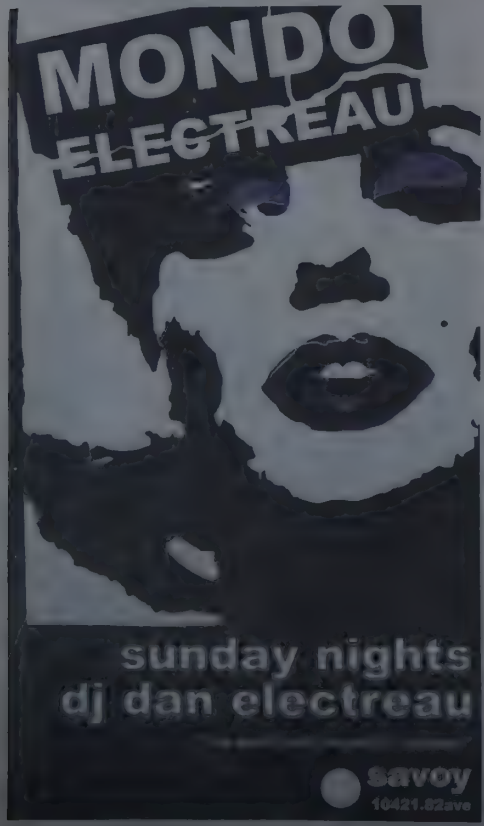
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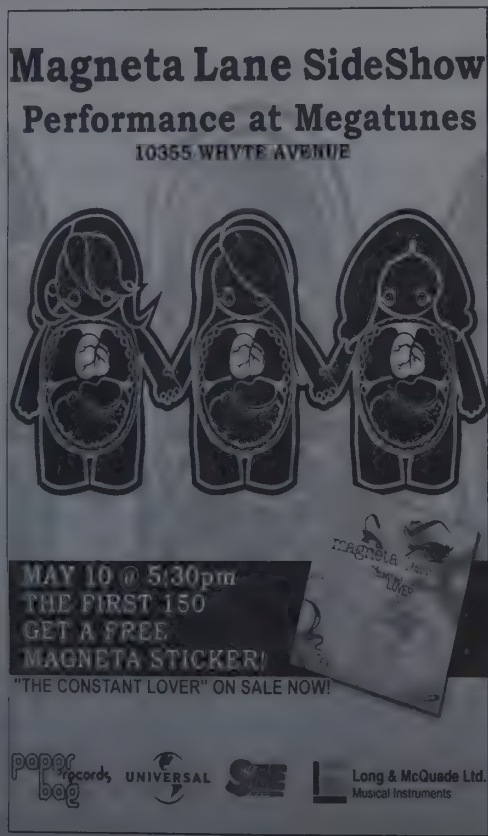
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JAZZ AND BLUES NOTES

GUITARIST **BRENT PARKIN** ... fine form last week at the ... Whyte. Those of you wh... show may have noticed a ... the usual line up, with long... Edmonton-drummer **Bill Hobson** ... ing time behind **Gary Bowman** ... and **Chris Brzezicki** on b... who's been on a great ru... acoustic "Come On In My ... shows, really stood out on ... "Cleanhead" Vinson's "Kid... threw in a tasty slide solo... Your Fool" and really fanne... with some T- Bone Walker ... the slow burner "Five Lo... his part, Gary Bowman ... on the Mose Alison's com... "Crazy Mixed Up World" ... also hawking a *Best Of* co... stage. According to Par... tracks off the *Beep Beep* ... number of years ago, alon... acoustic stuff I did for the ... *Treasure by the Long River* ... Parkin may just be the be... on the prairies, and it's abo... made his way back into the ...

The Winnipeg connection co... at the Blues on Whyte this week ... **Dave McLean** makes a se... appearances in our town. M... been busy. "I just spent a couple of ... on the West Coast," he exp... worked Vancouver Island and the ... Mainland with **Johnny Tornado** ... **the West Coast Flyers,** my BC ...

McLean, who has been ... blues in Winnipeg for over 30 ... upbeat about the scene in his ... "The blues is doing great here. The ... trators are the hottest band right ... with their blues/rock sound, and ... Deal Band is also doing well." McLe... doing too bad himself. His *Blues from Middle* disc recently won the West C... Music Award as "Best Blues Record" and he has been busy doing ... gigs. For his dates this week the **Jim ... boche Band** will back him ... ing with Jimmy and the boys ... es. "They really get what ... play acoustic, Delta blues, plugged ... the end, that's what urban blues ... Chicago blues is all about.

The Yardbird has a pa... grown shows this weekend that ... on the traditional—and ... traditional—state of contempo...

Friday, it's **The On Cord Ens... ble,** put together by local guitar... electro-experimenter **Lane Arndt** ... says, "The richest reservoir for ... sonic expression is in the combi... electronic with analogue." To ... On Cord features Arndt and M... pleton working on laptops and ... and banjo, respectively. **Tim Bat... dles electronics and keys,** and ... **Laquintana** rounds o... drums. Arndt draws inspiration ... current scene in Scandinavia, ... says, "My favourite experime... tro/pop/folk music is coming o... days. Finland is intense, and No... duces sounds like I didn't even ... possible."

Saturday, the **nuSteps trio,** ... bassist **John Taylor,** guitarist S... **Crosley,** and drummer **Mike G...** celebrate the release of their de... *Get The Groove*. The trio has ye... musical history together, work... their own projects and with **P.J. ...** **Dianne Donavan, Bill Emes,** ... **Tildsley,** and others. Tuge... ness decades of experie... styles to make a musical st... rooted in tradition but with ... improvisation.

CAM H...

ARNIVAL OF SHRIEKING YOUTH'S LIVE AND LOUD III

THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE bal of Shrieking Youth has dedicated a on of the festival to showcasing up-and-y local bands by gathering them on for a few nights of non-stop music.

his year their mandate is no different. p punk rock to heavy metal, "Live & Loud give many a band the opportunity to them at the Timms Centre For The Arts. objective is to give as many of these bands an opportunity to be seen and d and to give them a hell of a good says festival director Karl Schreiner. of the things that we're pretty proud of the last three years is the type of show e can put on for them. A lot of them ed to small clubs or halls where they have one or two lights and consider kes lucky if they have even a P.A. sys- We give them an experienced sound er with a sophisticated P.A. and as hot k n' roll show as we can."

ting to have "a little bit of everything," says the new music festival is divid- four different categories for four differ- ts: rock (May 5th), alternative and

metal (6th), punk (7th) and hardcore/emo (8th).

Schreiner highlighted some of his favourite selections:

Blacklisted (May 5): "Really, really hard-driving metal band that's a lot of fun."

Rolodex (May 5): "They've been with us for three years. They're a good party rock band. We gave them their very first show ever. They're great friends of the festival now."

Gate (May 6): "I'm super excited to have Gate. I've been wanting to get them to play in the festival for three years. This year they decided they wanted to give all-ages shows a shot, and they were excited to jump on board. They're a progressive metal band—take Pink Floyd and mix it with Black Sabbath, and you a very unique metal sound."

El Cid (May 6): "A fantastic party band—very hard rock. You know what? It doesn't matter the size of the crowd they're playing to—these guys come out and they give everything, plus some. I'm very hard-pressed to find another local band with that much energy."

Blazing Violets (May 7): "They've been with us for three years, originally playing as Sentinel. They hold a rather unique style of music, they're not quite rock, punk, or emo. They don't fit but they absolutely do. [Laughs] I know that doesn't make a lot of sense. I kinda label it akin to David Bowie with all the different styles."

Chick Maggot (May 7): "It's all about their attitude!"

Cassidy (May 8): "As headliners for the night, they're definitely going to be a hot show."

Eyes Full of Stars (May 8): "A relatively new band. It's kind of exciting because their lead singer is also one of the directors of the stage plays for the festival. She's doing a little bit of everything. They have quite a loyal following."

"The whole festival is youth-based," adds Schreiner. "We work with ages 11 to roughly 25, and these are all bands made of young people. A lot of them are, if not brand new, just on the verge of breaking out."

Carnival of Shrieking Youth's Live & Loud III @ Timms Centre For The Arts (87 Ave & 112 St, U of A campus), May 5-8, 5pm (5-6) and 5:30pm (7-8). $8 per night. All ages. Check www.theatresquared.com for complete line-ups.

COMING UP/GOING DOWN

The Sadies @ Sidetrack Café (May 12): Like, wow man, you know, The Sadies

The (International) Noise Conspiracy w/ and you will know us by the trail of the dead @ Red's (May 17): Battle of the convoluted band names! At Red's! Yay!

Green Day @ Rexall Place (May 19): Fight the capitalist pig machine in a stadium rock extravaganza!

Whitey Houston vs. C'MON @ New City (May 19): Boy oh boy oh boy oh boy oh boy, is anybody else as excited as I am?

The Floor CD release @ Starlite Room (May 21): Yes, their new album is absolutely, positively awesome. Now with 25 per cent more pedals and screeching guitars

Black Mountain w/ The Pink Mountaintops @ New City (May 22): Kraut-rock meets drug-rock. It's kinda like the same band twice in one night, but really it's not.

Atomic 7 @ Sidetrack Café (June 1): Maybe their instro/surf-rock will finally chase winter away. I sure hope so.

Motley Crue @ Rexall Place (Aug 2): Will they make it back here alive? Place your bets!

CLIT 45

GETS SPIT ON A LOT BECAUSE he singer," acknowledges Mike, one guys who does violence to a guitar 45 (think "sex and violence" free dition). "We've been a live band for we play a tight and energetic and Dave completely tries to and entertain."

Punk rock merit badges are not d by the meek, and the veteran Beach, California quartet have their aggressive, rough-and-ready presence—even as they crawled of their gutter roots to create some surprisingly melodic music.

Crimes, their latest record-

first on the iconic BYO and officially their first full- frenzied bulldozer of an fun of visceral and unrelent- which haul UK-nodding, guitar and DC-hardcore-style song for the ride.

psyched to be on the so many of the heroes we we were young, like 7 Sec- enthuses. "It's awesome to

history mash-up sound is Mike admits that the band to refine their sound as We were pigeonholed as street punks when we started out, but over the past few years the songwriting has gotten tighter and the sound changed. But we still get labeled 'gutterpunks.'

"When we play live most fans know all our old stuff, even though it's out of print. I guess from the Internet or something. We'll do six or seven old songs, some new songs, and a couple covers. We cover a lot of ground."

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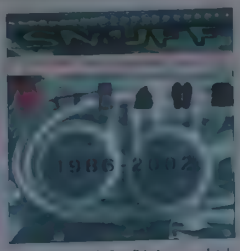
BEANIE SIGEL
The B-Coming
(Def Jam)
★★★★½

THIS IS IT: THE RETURN OF EMO-RAP. Though not quite in the same vein as the sensitive Atmosphere or the awkward Buck 65, Beanie Sigel's style of jailhouse rock is heavy and draining, not unlike the prison sentence he just finished serving. The album has Beans questioning the nature of love and commitment ("The grip on the pistol, only thing I be huggin'"), as well as the reality of his freedom, although he's still the same sardonic thug with a penchant for repetition and punch lines ("Do you catch the lines and hooks or are you still fishing?"). On the stirring, Just Blaze-produced "Bread And Butter" he talks to a disingenuous lady friend in coded language: first, from the perspective of *New Jack City*'s drug lord ("Beano Brown, cancel this bitch, I'll buy another one"), then, in the form of classic soul singer's verse ("And this young P.Y.T./ She got me L.O.V.E T.K.O.'d/ Like Teddy P, whatever she say goes"). It's doubtful that the album will make it in the clubs—it's not straightforward enough to dance to, with the stilted drum stomp and metallic synth of "Gotta Have It" and the lazy, stair-climbing soft synth and bongos of "Don't Stop" being completely inappropriate for grinding purposes. Still, that is not what this album is about. In the off chance that he returns to the belly on one of the many other cases he has pending, this will be his testament for the rap pantheon to consider—the sound of bars slamming and bars rhyming.

ROLLIE PEMBERTON



SNUFF
Six of One, Half a Dozen of the Other
(Fat Wreck Chords)
★★★★½

THE UK'S SNUFF WAS ALWAYS MORE OF A European phenomenon, but on this side of the pond the band never really rose above their Fat Wreck peers. This two-disc retrospective on their nearly 20-year career should change the mind of anyone who hasn't given them a fair shake. The first disc traces the evolution of Snuff's sound since 1986; rather than proliferate the typical Fat Wreck skate-punk formula, Snuff always played their punk with less monotony and a little more substance. Their earlier material plays as unpolished, catchy punkcore that you can bounce around to and howl along with the choruses. Just as good, their later material plays like it's a few shades away from a Cockney version of The Mighty Mighty Bosstones (minus the ska) with organs and trombones replacing the more minimalist fare of their early material. The second disc is goofier: live covers ("Don't Fear The Reaper," "I Will Survive," etc.) and other such throwaway odds 'n' sods, but the sheer strength of the songs on the first disc definitely makes it a surprise keeper

JAMES LAMBERT

RYAN ADAMS AND THE CARDINALS
Cold Roses
(Lost Highway)
Disc One: ★★★½☆
Disc Two: ★★★★½

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M ACCLIMATIZED TO the big indie pan-genre blender, but I couldn't really make out the difference between the disc that was supposed to be, according to the mysterious forces operating in iTunes, "country" (Disc Two), and the one branded "rock" (Disc One). There wasn't an appreciable sonic variation, other than perhaps a touch more slide guitar weaving through the aching poeticisms on the second, and stronger, offering.

Both discs offer up Ryan Adams, all bruised and sexy, fresh from dumpster-diving behind Roy Orbison's oeuvre and rocking out with his Neil Young collection in between bong hits. Ryan's typically stellar songcraft—absent on the reprehensible *Rock 'n' Roll*—is thankfully back on exhibit, his sweet grittiness polished up and ably supported by his sharp new band, the Cardinals.

The title track, "Sweet Illusions," "Easy Plateau," and "Let It Ride" are some of the best ones on tap, all smouldering wail-and-moan, and Adams' regulation pickup truck-emo ("I ain't got nothing/but love for you now") forms a spine over which the music fleshes out nicely.

The two discs were recorded in separate sessions in New York's LoHo Studios, but that's a weak excuse for releasing them in this fashion. *Cold Roses* would have been better served as one CD with the lesser tracks cut.

And sorry to be such a goddamn girl, but putting out a Ryan Adams album *without a photo of Ryan Adams* is akin to publishing the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue and omitting the supermodels.

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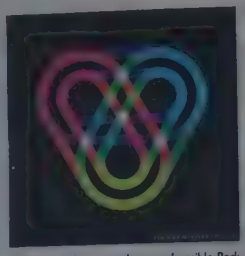


FISCHERSPOONER
Odyssey
(EMI/Capitol)
★★★★½

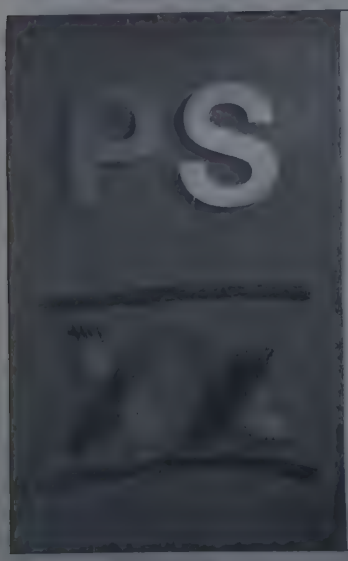
BREAK OUT THE POPPERS, PUT ON YOUR wristbands and satin hotpants, and prepare to dance! The emissaries of electroclash are back and, um, better than ever.

Perhaps that's damning an[illegible] aligning Fischerspooner with [illegible] genre that was notable for [illegible] cianship, childishly over-arc[illegible] and blink-and-you-missed-it lifespan. [illegible] debut, *#1*, was light years more sophi[illegible]ed and cohesive than the offerings of [illegible] other acts tagged by the [illegible] moniker.

There's a reason the proje[illegible] of two NYC-based Art Institute [illegible] alums, found a home on a Germ[illegible] cherspooner is the smart mouth [illegible]icated, nihilist stepchild of Kraftwerk [illegible] Tangerine Dream—all strange [illegible] whirs married with "touch my [illegible] type dance beats and neo-psychedelic [illegible]ery-fuelled lyrics.

Even if you are not a sucker [illegible] claps ("Never Win"), Kate Bu[illegible] atricality ("Ritz 107"), and dro[illegible] can bullyboy sentiments ("Vi[illegible] War"), *Odyssey* deserves a spin [illegible] away from the club dance floo[illegible] excellent record that manag[illegible] Sherman-wearing music nerds [illegible] will be namedropping over their [illegible] twisted cockfight of open-[illegible] making Fischerspooner the Basem[illegible] of 2005.

CHRISTA O'[illegible]



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...TOMAS
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...AFTER LEADING HIS FANTOMAS ... through the convoluted, single-... experiment in noise terror, *Delirium* ... metal's psychotic field marshal, Mike ... has regrouped with *Suspended Animo-*... General Patton may have altered his ...ology, but the results are just as con-... Instead of compressing his material ... overbearing 74-minute track, as on ... here he has done a complete rever-... ding 43 minutes of material into 30 ... each titled after a day in the month of ...

...Whereas *Delirium's* concept was that of a ... surgical exploration of the human ... *Suspended Animation's* is... well, I'll be ... if I could find any kind of narrative in ... is lyrical gibberish. Whatever the ... the album marries itself heavily to ... Toons-style cartoonish schlock; ... voices, screwball sound effects ... falling pianos, the Roadrunner), and ... cameo from Bugs Bunny play for time ... the traditional shit-your-pants hor-... sounds that we've come to expect ... Patton. The good thing about this ... is that it's a product of pure joyful ... yet at the same time that becomes ... flaw. All the elements of a great Mr. ... record are here: the obligatory Mor-... worship, mad vocal freak-outs, creepy ... effects, and impressive thrash break-... padded by deceptively innocent inter-...

...But whereas Patton's Mr. Bungle com-... of these elements to produce songs ... were often melodic, sometimes haunt-... but always memorable, here it feels like ... throwing everything he's got at the wall ... seven caring to see what sticks. As a ... his rhymes have lost the shred of rea-... that held his sprawling compositions ... in the past. The songs become indistinguishable as the bulk of the time is spent as riffs, melodies, and sound effects clash and hit each other on the head with big wooden mallets before anything can become fully formed. Sure, the album does have its share of fun moments, but most of these loony tunes will leave you feeling like you've just dropped an anvil on yourself.

JAMES LAMBERT

HERB ALPERT'S TIJUANA BRASS
Whipped Cream & Other Delights Reissue
(Shout! Factory)
★★★½☆

NOSTALGIA CAN BE SWEET... OR LEAVE AN odd aftertaste.

The 40th anniversary reissue of *Whipped Cream & Other Delights* has retained the justifiably iconic cover featuring the orally fixated, dairy-product-adorned faux bride and the totally groovy lettering. It's perfect signifier for the contents—a collection of frothy, spirited, playfully sexy tunes with a kitschy swinging-60s Latin vibe.

Cracking the CD reveals a small-ish poster of the Hot Cover Chick and liner notes galore. The 2005 Herb Alpert musings are ho hum, but the original liner notes are a hyperbolic hoot ("The teens were there, but so were the 'hippies' and the 'squares,' the little old ladies and the screen starlets, the celebrities and those who make them celebrities."), and the photos of the young Mr. Alpert—handsome-in-a-gay-cruise-ship-personnel-kind-of-way—are charming. There's also a fascinating essay excepted from a forthcoming book by Josh Kun (*Strangers Among Sounds: Music, Race, and America*).

From the initial blare of the trumpets on "A Taste of Honey," the album has that thrill of half-recalled familiarity. Like many children of the '70s, I have weird sense memories associated with Herb Alpert, like lying in the dark listening to my folks having a raucous party to the strip-inducing "Love Potion #9," watching TV as the madcap "Whipped Cream" soundtracked a comedic segment on *Circus of the Stars*, and playing musical chairs to the jaunty "Peanuts" in kindergarten.

The contents seemed slightly off, though, and I puzzled out that the Herb Alpert I remember was warmer, perennially accompanied by the scratch of a record needle and an analogue sound. The reissue has been so thoroughly cleaned up that it seems almost flattened. The bonus tracks are both a bit of a yawn, too.

CHRISTA O'KEEFE

THE RAVEONETTES *Pretty in Black*
(Columbia)

The former Jesus and Mary Chain clones ease up on the feedback, and get to examine the sugary heart of what made their idols such a sweet treat underneath the noise—namely a worship of the Shangri-Las, the Crystals, and the Ronnettes.

Indeed, this couple from Copenhagen, Sune Rose Wagner and Sharin Foo, score a kinda-coup in that regard by roping in Ronnie Spector for back-up vocals on some tracks (only kinda, 'cuz her appearance on a Misfits' album a couple of years back sort of made you think the poor ol' gal is just, like, really lonely). And, as calculated as the kitsch is, cover of "My Boyfriend's Back" included, it's like... Well, just imagine '60s bub-blegum hit-makers Kasenetz-Katz (Ohio Express, 1910 Fruitgum Co., etc.) turning over one of their pre-fab creations for a reverb-heavy, melodramatic reworking by Phil Spector. In other words, it's kind of horrid and wonderful all at the same time.

BLOOD AND FIRE ALL STARS (Various Artists) *Run It Red*
(Blood and Fire)

Hard to believe that the man responsible for the atrocity known as Simply Red is also a co-founder of one of the best reggae re-issuers in the business, Blood and Fire (Soul Jazz being the main competition, but compare their *Studio One Funk* to BAF's similarly-themed *Darker Than Blue*, and mark at least one victory notch on the latter's side of the slate).

So, with this release, Mick Hucknall, after amassing a stellar back catalogue over the past 11 years, gets to cash in on a bit more of it and turn into a vanity project to boot. Somewhat puzzlingly sub-titled "Mick Hucknall Selects from 10 Years of Blood and Fire Classics" (puzzling because their first compilation, *If Deejay was Your Trade*, came out in '94—I guess "ten years" just sounds better), the 20-track CD reveals the man with crimson crimps to be a dub aficionado, with Jackie Mittoo, Prince Jammy, and, especially, King Tubby dominating the disc.

The only question is, as fine as the selections here are, with King Tubby's *Crucial Dub* retailing for about $5 (seriously) at a clearance bin near you, do you really need this? Of course not—enjoy it anyway.

YOUTH GROUP *Skeleton Jar*
(Epitaph)

Good Lord, did I just make it through an emo album without gagging? And one with a song called "Why Don't the Buildings Cry?" for that matter?

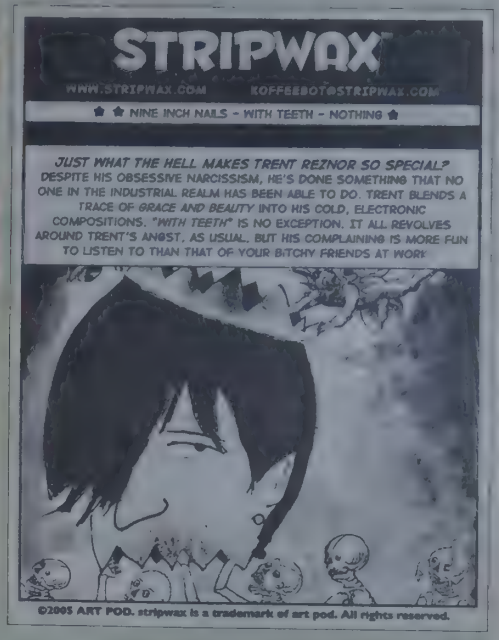
Death Cab for Cutie count themselves as fans, which, as far as celeb endorsements go, isn't really as a good as, say, Dr. Dre declaring, 'This here is the stoopid shit,' but I guess it counts for something...

So what do we have here? Wistful, plaintive tunes about mournful drinking with touches of pedal steel for authenticity, as well as the odd swish of synth for a reassuring toehold in modernity...

Wait a minute—this may be on a punk label, but... Christ, this ain't no emo at all—it's second generation Conor Oberst.

It's still purty, though (but someone bring back the 10th generation Sabbath already, please.)

ZOLTAN VARADI



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MY LOOK

Ian Andrew Whitham

Where: Mike's house
Occupation: Blue-collar worker.
Hair: Cut by me or my drunk friends
Wearing: My grandpa gave me this hat. The shirt is from the Value Village by Nait—it's a pretty sweet shirt. I like it. I got the pants for $1.99 at the west side Value Village. I put the Agnostic Front patch on the other day, getting ready for the concert coming up, and I wrote "BAD BRAINS" on them a couple of weeks ago. These Adidas high-tops I bought at Foot Locker in West Edmonton Mall. The glasses I got at Zellers in Mississauga. And the gloves are for mountain biking, I'd like to get into that more.
Time spent on your look: Twenty minutes, I was looking for the right shirt.
Foundation garment: My jeans.
Describe your look: Hip hop punk.
Style inspiration: '80s hardcore
Fashion faux pas: That's pretty much all the people on Whyte Avenue. You know, the ones who wear the square shoes, prefaded jeans and disco shirts. I hate that shit.
Fashion secret: Value Village.
One thing you can't live without: Music.
Fashion or function: Function. I don't cares about fashion?
Reading: *The Wu-Tang Manual* by The RZA.
Favourite movies: *Maximum Overdrive*, *Robocop* and *Waterworld*. These aren't actually my favourite movies, just the ones I talk about a lot.
Listening to: Bad Brains, Elephantman, and Notorious B.I.G.
If it were free tomorrow, you'd [illegible] One of those big huge leather [illegible] with all the dead rappers on it.

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MY FAVOURITE MEALS, SIMPLE ...h it was, took place in the well-... coastal town of Nazaré, ...ga. There was a little take-out ...h sold nothing but *frango* ...—small chickens roasted ...on a spit. According to your ...the *frango* would then be ...with *piri-piri*, a potent pep-... then bundled into brown ... One of these chickens plus a ...of cans of Portuguese beer ...less than $5 and, after a visit ...local *padaria* for some fresh ...s, I was set for a marvelous ...the black and white cobbles ...while a nearby gypsy ...the last wheezing breaths ...accordion. The chicken was ...and spicy and juicy and sticky ...away from the bone with an ...of steam; beer has never ...

...s to say, this experience is ...hard to relive on the high ...prairies of Alberta. But ...of a new Portuguese ...place on 118 Avenue, hope ...kindled that I could order up a ...sunshine to stave off the ...early spring chill.

...adian Catering and ...big enough for ...on the sign above ...ere's no place to sit, just ...screen that obscures ...from the cus-... all the same, they offer ...Portuguese special-... whole roasted pig (*leitão a ...*—$160) to *feijoada* (pork ...say nothing of *bacalhau*, ...food of Portugal.

PICNIC TO PORTUGAL

Joining forces with my favourite Portuguese couple, I schemed a Portuguese picnic that might transport me back to the sun-dappled shores of Nazaré, if only for a moment.

For starters, we would try their *rissois de camarão* ($8.50 per dozen), followed by the *bifanas* ($3), then move onto entrees with an order of *bacalhau à bras* ($12) and *frango churrasco* ($9). To ensure our picnic was ready in good time, my friend called in the afternoon and placed the order for 6:30 p.m. Bigger menu items take a couple of days' notice.

We realized that we had a lot of food, especially when you added on the dessert, *molotofe* ($1.50 a piece). Back at the pad, with some *fado* on the stereo and a bottle of Perequita—a hearty and inexpensive Portuguese red—on the table, we unwrapped our feast.

Rissois de camarão are fried puffs with a creamy, shrimp-redolent filling. My friend confessed to not usually liking them, but she conceded that Euro-Canadian's were appetizingly ungreasy and filled with the right consistency of goop. *Bifanas* couldn't be more straightforward—a crusty bun stuffed with lean slices of seasoned pork. Pretty much no way to get that wrong, certainly not at $3 a toss. Already the thrum of the vast Atlantic was crashing on the shores of my memory.

THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

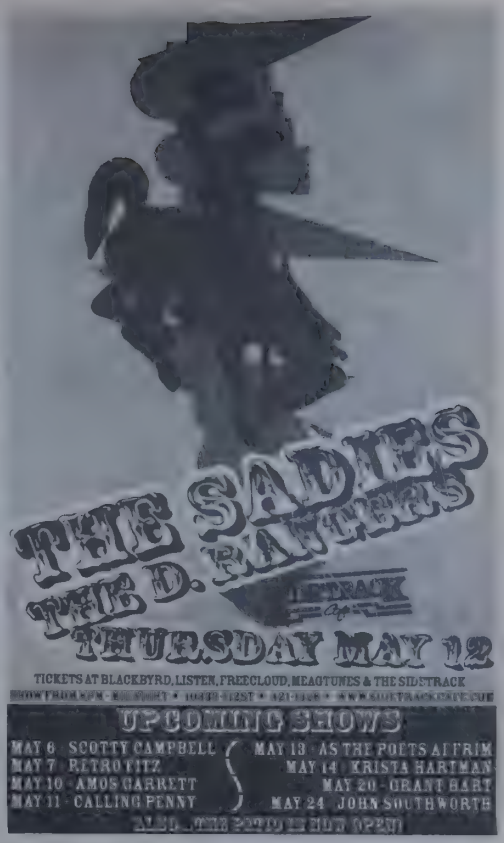
The entrees were where Euro-Canadian would prove its mettle. *Bacalhau à bras* is one of my favourite dishes and my friend makes a mighty fine version, combining salted cod, fried potatoes and eggs, garnished with a little parsley and some black olives. *Bacalhau* dishes are, however, labour-intensive, as the dried fish has to be soaked for a day or two and pulled apart by hand to extract the bones. Luckily, Euro-Canadian was willing to do all this work for us, turning out a tasty version in the bargain, avoiding oiliness and going easier on the eggs than I'm used to, so that the potatoes and chunks of reconstituted cod carried the dish. And man, was there ever a lot of it, even for three hungry people.

At last, we tore into the *frango churrasco*—barbecued chicken. Flattened for grilling, the result was all I had hoped. Even without *piri-piri*, the seasoning was tangy and toothsome, the chicken itself was fall-apart tender and there was plenty to go around.

Finally came the *molotofe*, a dessert so light I had a hard time picking it up because my fork would pass right through it. *Molotofe* looks like sponge toffee and even tastes a little like it, but its consistency is that of clouds, evaporating in a pointed sweetness on the tongue. Really good with coffee and, once again, too inexpensive not to try.

All three of sat back, sated, and looked at the all the food we still had before us, including an extra piece of *molotofe* that was throw in for free. At $14 a person, it was hard to beat, and there are enough items left untried on the menu to guarantee a return trip. Short of the 1,500 bucks and month of vacation time I'd need to get a serious fix, Euro-Canadian Catering and Take-out has just the thing to bind to Portugal-receptors and maintain my *bacalhau* levels where they should be.

SCOTT LINGLEY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Max's Light Cuisine *7809—109 St. 432 - 6241* It sure isn't fancy, but Max's is all about the food. Small but tasty menu with emphasis on vegetarian fare, plus a bunch of daily specials. Don't skip dessert. ★★★☆

BREAKFAST and BRUNCH

High Level Diner *10912—98 Ave. 433 - 0993* Though an excellent over-all restaurant High Level's brunches and breakfasts have a special place in my heart. From super decadent to totally healthy, the offerings at this Edmonton eating-out institution are always top-notch. Go early on weekends. ★★★★☆

Urban Diner *12427—102 Ave., 488 – 7274* The Urban Diner is a lovely space with big windows and shiny wood, and it's pretty hopping during Sunday brunch. The French toast stuffed with mascarpone cheese and maple-sauteed bananas wasn't overpweningly sweet, but quite delectable. ★★☆

TAKE-OUT and LUNCH

Vietnamese Express *(City Centre Food Court, Bank 10200 102 Avenue)* I ordered satay chicken on rice ($5.28): rice, vegetables, grilled chicken, tasty satay sauce, too many onions — and did I mention the hot sauce? Beats the hell out of a Tom Burger. ★★★

The Wok Box *10119 Jasper Ave, 444-2269* The problematic aspect of the Wok Box is the expectations it sets up by offering the flavours of China, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. From the dishes I've tried there, authenticity is not the Wok Box's long suit. However, the food from the Wok Box is quite good, there's a large quantity for what you pay, and it manages to be both filling and quite light at the same time. ★★★☆

CAFE/BISTRO

Bistro Praha *10168— 100A St 424 - 4218* Bistro is a place of civility and comfort, allowing you to dine like a gourmet on wiener schnitzel, lamb chops, finely-wrought beef, chicken and seafood dishes. There's also an array of sandwiches, salads and pizza-style plates at very reasonable prices. ★★★★

Flavours Modern Bistro *10354—82 Ave., 439 – 9604* Flavours brings elegant, inventive cuisine to the mostly-casual strip. The small menu presents tough decisions—each entrée and appetizer is tantalizingly described. This eatery definitely caters to the gourmandizing gourmet ★★★★½

New York Bagel Café *8430—103 Street 432 – 2003* Located in new digs on Gateway Boulevard, it's still here: dark panelling, wooden light fixtures, the well-remembered bagel platters, and the superb house coffee. ★★★★☆

Two Rooms Cafe *10324—82 Ave 439 - 8386* This lentil soup is the stuff of legend: thick and hearty, potently seasoned and satisfying. Along with soup and some appetizers, deluxe gourmet sandwiches and sides satisfy your appetite with that which is simultaneously familiar and totally unique. ★★★★☆

TOP FIVE BRUNCH

Remedy *8631—109 St. 433 - 3096* It's been through a few changes in management but hey, it's a nice little place. A solid handle on sandwiches and appetizers (plus a few star prices, like Tandoori chicken). Guinness on tap and usually some interesting art on the walls. ★★★★☆

The Sugar Bowl *10922—88 Ave. 433 - 8369* A totally mellow experience. Hanging out on the steep of this late-Edwardian-era brick building come summertime is a long-standing southside tradition. Always excellent espresso-based drinks, a number of beers on tap, the ubiquitous cinnamon bun (get there early!) and now dinner and weekly brunch menus. ★★★★☆

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Hornby Bakery *8460—118 Ave. 477 - 8847* Delicious Portuguese baked goods are the main fare at this unassuming Norwood grocery. Try the crusty cornbread, the dough-nut like yummy and the garlic-de-nata - yummy flaky pastry cups filled with custard. A good selection of Portuguese meats, cheese and olives, some economy groceries and the lineup takes a little time to move through. ★★★★

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La Table du Remoir *10846—101A Ave., 429 – 3386* Starting with *une pair salade a maison* ($5.95), moving on to the *poissonfiere* ($8.95) and finishing, triumphantly, with *grancuille a la Provenzale* ($9.95)—this setting my hunger and exhausting my command of French to one fell swoop. *Ja sera de retour a La Table Remoir, certainement!* ★★★★

Manor Cafe *10109 - 125 St 482 - 7577* Boasting a spacious, rustic but elegant patio, the Manor is a gorgeous old house with plenty of indoor dining. And they serve beautiful, unconventional food whether you're looking for a monolithic entree, tapas, salad, or an assortment of appetizers. ★★★★☆

Rick & Alice's Grill *7106—109 St., 413 – 9606* Alice and Rick (formerly of Friends & Neighbours) make you feel right at home, recommending the chicken, tiger prawn and veggie stirfry. I don't usually find stirfries filling, but this one left me so stuffed, I didn't have the room to accommodate the berry crumble I'd been eyeing. ★★★★

Rigoletto's *10068— 108 St 429 - 0701* Rigoletto's is, of course, a long time staple of Edmonton's restaurant scene, home to dependable Italian food, enticing beef, chicken and seafood entrees, delightful daily menus and a fine venue for late night dining and drinks. Just stepping into its cheerisaurus confines has an easeful effect. ★★★★☆

FINE DINING

Café Select *10008—106 St., 428 – 1629* A late-dining spot of choice for gourmets and romantics for 21 years, with a menu of longstanding favourites—Moules Marniere, filets lamb mousek desserts. The room is still the perfect place for a date with that special someone. ★★★☆

Characters Restaurant *10257— 105 St 421 - 4100* Blending traditional tea room elegance with postmodern panache and an uptown menu. Characters is a brilliant addition to downtown's culinary culture. Loads of fresh ingredients, a deft kitchen and sublime service make for a memorable meal. ★★★★★

Madison's Grill *10053 Jasper Ave. 421 - 7171* Looking for a surefire room to impress the boss or that special someone? Then Madison's is the place for you: an endlessly charming, elegant room; gracious service and a flawless continental menu with a fusion mentality. ★★★★★

The Red Ox Inn *9420— 91 St 465 - 5727* Rustic and comfortable, with a scant 32 seats. There are thankfully just a handful of appetizers, salads and entrees—so as not to leave you rife with indecision—the wine list is epic by comparison. The entrees were almost too good to eat—The Red Ox Inn has added one more to their list of people who will happily go around promulgating their well-deserved reputation. ★★★★½

LOUNGE/TAPAS

EastBound *11248—104 Ave., 428 – 2448* Clean, uncluttered and well-supplied with natural light. Eastbound brings together sports bar style appetizers (wings, calamari, bison strips, edamame) Japanese delicacies (sushi, sashimi, teriyaki, udon, tempura) and surprisingly, an array of dishes for people who can't abide Japanese food (beef dips, chicken burgers, Cajun penne). ★★★½/2

Savoy *10401—82 Ave. 438 - 0373* The mod cool of this southside drinkery is mirrored on its menu: which injects imagination and delicate flavour into entrees, lighter fare, and appetizers that are good for sharing but you know, classy. Also a lengthy and impressive beer list. ★★★☆

The Suede Lounge *11806 Jasper Ave 482 – 0707* The cocktail menu boasts names such as the Narcotic Thrust, and the lounge of New and Old World wine are moderately priced. While our appetizer was aesthetically presented, the tapas we tried were a little bland, but Suede Lounge features some of the most incredible sweets I have ever experienced. Try the Dark Chocolate and Orange Galettes. ★★★☆

PUB FOOD

Brewster's *11620—104 Ave., 482-4677* The prairie brewpub chain produces 14 handcrafted beers and offers salvation to the hangover afflicted with all-day happy hour ($3.69 a pint). My cup of soup was smooth and subtly smoky, but not overly memorable. I was, however, prepared to clear the rest of my schedule to further explore Brewster's beer menu. ★★★☆

Overtime Broiler and Tap Room *10304—111 St., 423 - 643* Standard sports bar fare: large portions of meat steaks, ribs, halves of chickens as well as pizza, pasta, burgers, sandwiches, seafood, and the usual appetizers. The food was more than acceptable, but didn't come together in any particularly special way. I'd return for a few brewskis and a seat by the fire. ★★★☆

Rose and Crown Pub *10235—101 St., 428 – 7111* Lined with gleaming wood and a wall of windows, this is a deluxe menu-from appetizers to high-end entrees. Unexpected offerings like applewood-smoked salmon and bison burgers mean a solid dinner destination when you feel like something more impressive than pub food in a pub atmosphere. ★★★½

ASIAN

Bach Dang *7908—104 St., 448 - 0288* Bach Dang offers sweet-sounding daily specials and a lengthy menu of soups, vermicelli bowls, sizzling platters and veggie entrees. Most of the soups on the Bach Dang menu are priced around $6 and are a meal unto themselves, or would satisfy two people who ordered a couple of appetizers, like their yummy fresh shrimp rolls. ★★★☆

Giesang Restaurant *9261—34 Ave, 450 – 3330* Cook your own Korean food on a grill that sprouts out of the table! Clearly, not for everyone-vegetarians are liable to feel ripped off-but if you like meat and know how to pace yourself, that $18 buffet charge goes a long way. Wear something you're planning to wash soon: despite ventilation fans, the air gets a little thick in the Giesang. ★★★☆

Matahari *10108 – 124 St., 452-8262* The red curry beef had my vote for the most delectable of the dishes of Matahari's sprawling menu, but the rest of the table sided heavily with the robust pad thai. And dessert? How can you say no to roti canai stuffed with bananas, topped with strawberry syrup and coconut ice cream? ★★★★☆

Ninh Kieu *10708—98 St., 429 – 8881* Ninh Kieu's menu is extensive, reminiscent of Vietnamese food haunts Pagalor and Doan's both in price range and selection. The beef soup was huge and balanced sparness with sweetness while still allowing the fresh cilantro and peppery notes of basil to come through. ★★★☆

North China Restaurant *9920—82 Ave. 448 - 9999* What it utterly lacks in atmosphere and customer service chops, North China makes up with reliably tasty Chinese food. Their hot and sour soup has solved many a southside hangover, but you should give their Szechuan beef, mushu vegetables and seafood dishes a try. Order the large pot stickers. ★★

Tropika *6004 Calgary Trail S. 439 - 6699* Malaysian cooking is the original infusion food—British, Indian, Chinese, Thai, Arabic and native Malay cooking. Excellent and well-prepared lunches at reasonable prices. We'll be back for dinner. ★★★★☆

SUSHI and TEPPAN

Furusato *10012—82 Ave, 439 - 1335* My dining companion selected an order of rainbow roll ($7.50), a small beef sashimi ($7.95) and a platter of assorted sushi ($11.95), which included salmon, tuna belly, fish roe, scallop, tamago, surf clam, octopus, snapper and shrimp. We toasted one another with bottles of Kirin. My own squeamishness, due to the scallops, should not discourage anyone from sampling Furusato's extensive variety of sushi and sushi-related food. ★★★☆

Kyoto Japanese Cuisine *10128—109 St. 420 - 1750* One of two locations on 109 St., this Kyoto sports tatami rooms, a long sushi bar and the same menu as its southside sister—lots of variety in appetizers, sushi, udon and entrees. The rainbow roll, broiled scallop in misonaise and beef teriaki are all worth a try. ★★★★

The Mikado *10350 109 St., 425 – 8096* The venerable treasure-trove of Japanese culinary delights identifies the downtown restaurant as a place one must revisit. Edmonton's oldest Japanese restaurant and still an overwhelmingly popular haunt for all those who favour bento boxes, robata, noodle bowls, sushi and sashimi. ★★★★½

THAI

Boun Thai *10815 Jasper Ave, 420 – 0779* A pleasant room nestled next to Rigoletto's. The generous serving of calamari was al dente, rather than squishy or rubbery. The pad thai was ample, the coconut milk curry rich and teeming. A much spicier concoction than I've had at other Thai restaurants-in no way a bad thing. ★★★½☆

The King and I *8208—107 St.* Edmonton's Thai restaurant of note lives up to its reputation with a broad, authentic menu redolent of the flavours of Southeast Asia. Pad Thai is a good place to start, but other that, dare to experiment. ★★★★☆

CAJUN

Dudeo Restaurant *10548A—82 Ave. 433 - 0930* The menu has been tweaked a bit lately, but the stuff you've always loved about Dudeo's is still there. Gumbo platters, salads, gumbos, the always-tasty sweet potato fries, and the delicious po' boys on special every Monday and Tuesday night. Try the breakfast sometime: sweet potato pancakes, anyone? Hell yeah. ★★★★

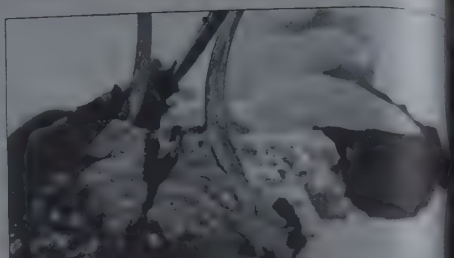
Louisiana Purchase *10320—111 St. 420 - 6779* My Cottonpicker Chicken was consumed tasty and with unhurried grace. our server saw to it we never wanted for anything—breadsticks, water, utensils, coffee, she had it all covered. ★★★½☆

CENTRAL AMERICAN

Calabash Café *10630 - 124 St. 414 - 6625* Calabash Café makes choosing simple by presenting a short list of solid Jamaican fare in the $7 - $20 range. Someone of moderate appetite could easily take another person of moderate appetite and eat well for around $12. ★★★☆☆

Los Andes *3903—99 St., 435 – 6202* Los Andes gives that international lunch-counter feeling without the expense of world travel. Entranced by the sandwiches, which came on toasted homemade buns that would be delicious all by themselves, it seemed wrong to go for a Chilean place and not sample the empanadas or the tortas: a sizable slab of dessert built from flaky layers of sugary pastry and moistened together with caramel. ★★★☆☆

Los Comales *10824—97 St. 423 - 1213* An almost one-woman show, offering authentic and unpretentious Salvadoran and Mexican dishes in a cheap and cheerful downtown eatery. Try the pupusas and chuchitos. ★★★☆☆



ETHIOPIAN and EATERIES

The Blue Nile *10875—96 St., 426 – 5139* Ethiopian fare is relatively simply composed, but the variety gave a roundedness to the meal that was soon matched by the roundedness of our stomachs. It's not often you can eat the utensils, and the friendly, unobtrusive service saw to it we never wanted for extra injera, so we were pleased. ★★★☆

Jewel of Kashmir *7219—104 St., 438 – 4646* An unassuming little stucco structure, the humble facade belies the quality of food and service you can expect inside. When the dust settled and we sat patting our sated bellies, we'd probably eaten about half of what we ordered. Dessert was totally out of the question, but cups of sweet aromatic chai were enjoyed all around. ★★★★☆

Langano Skies *9920 Whyte Ave., 432 – 3334* An oasis of delicious, surprisingly flavourful Ethiopian food: with spicy stews and injera served in baskets called mesobs. Considering how full you'll feel walking out, the prices are very reasonable: most dishes are $10 - $13 and veggie fare runs $5 - $9. ★★★½

Mebrat Café *10603—107 Ave., 424 – 9929* A humble purveyor of Ethiopian and Eritrean cuisine: the menu isn't extensive, the interior neither lush nor distinctive, but Mebrat is well-patronized. How many places offer the traditional Eritrean breakfast repast of fuf? ★★★★☆

ITALIAN

Allegro Italian Kitchen *10011—109 St., 424 – 6644* There is exceptional pasta to be had, and you can trust Allegro to come through with the requisite trimmings-a glass of house red, a nice salad (Insalata Allegro) and a good platter of non-monotonous, flavourful pasta. Allegro puts up an attractive slate of specials every night very much in line with what they already do so well. ★★★★☆

Gino's Italian Kitchen *7618—104 St., 433 – 6202* ...surprising about Gino's is how extensive the menu is: there's a choice of 23 different pasta sauces—a virtual guarantee that every dish is made from scratch. Besides pasta, there's stromboli, pizza, appetizers, salad, soup and a long list of house specialities. In short, choosing is no easy feat. ★★★☆

Il Forno Ristorante *14981 Stony Plain Rd. 455 - 0443* If you visit this ever popular eatery—famous for its oven-baked pizzas—go early. You may wait for a table but a well-made meal here is worth the effort. ★★★★☆

Il Portico *10012—107 St 424 - 0707* In some dining rooms you go to spot celebrities, at Il Portico you are the celebrity (given the way they treat you). Delightful Italian/continental offerings, buoyant room, brilliant wine cellar and some of the best service staff in Edmonton make for a memorable dining event every time out. ★★★★★

Sicilian Pasta Kitchen *11239 Jasper Ave., 488 – 3838* Sicilian Pasta Kitchen has a great reputation-the food is made from scratch, there's an impressive selection of pasta, pizza, entrees and appetizers, and the portions are generous, which wouldn't be a big deal if the food weren't consistently good. But I've never been disappointed by a meal at the Sicilian Pasta Kitchen. ★★★★☆

MEDITERRANEAN

Co Co Di Restaurant *10160—100A St., 425 – 1717* The spacious dining room occupies a prime corner of Rice Howard Way, but the ambience and decor are decidedly unpretentious. The menu is divided into Lebanese and continental dishes, with steaks, pastas and seafood selections. But as soon as I saw the Chicken Shawarma, I knew what I was after. With other Middle Eastern specialities like kibbeh, kofta, and hum mus with ground sirloin on offer, Co Co Di seems a good bet for further adventures in exotic cuisine. ★★★☆

Koutouki Taverna *10704—124 St., 452 – 5383* When dining Greek I concentrate on the appetizers: olives, dips, pita, grilled meats, seafood and salad. Our server vouched for the special: a whole boxed red snapper, roasted potatoes, vegetables and spinach. Our feast felt like $40 well spent; and ... easily have been served from the same menu. ★★★☆

La Tapa *10523—99 Ave., 424 – 8272* You'll sample widely from the long list of tapas (prices range from $3 - $9.95) and assure the favourites are replenished as encourages lounging, lingering and besides ... sionally by fresh snacks. A few round- ... 1925 don't hurt either. Isn't that what tapas are all about? ★★★½☆

Parkallen Restaurant *7018—109 St.* Known for their pizza and famous wine ... vintages that go for close to $10,000 a ... Lebanese specialties are a real draw ... salad, or kebi bil sanieh (Lebanese ... shiesh tawook (kabobs) is the hands-down winner. ★★★½☆

Zivali *12202 Jasper Ave. 453 - 3912* Evocative of Yugoslavian influences, this "Balkan Restaurant" is a place to linger over delicious appetizers ... man and olives, with anchovies as you ... Yugoslavian red. For $21.99 per person ... dozen items off the menu, which include ... and Adriatic shrimp. Attractive patio for ... ★★★★½

STEAKHOUSES

Teddy's Restaurant and Lounge *488 – 0984* The menu is a catalogue ... comfort food: everything from a long ... wish to fish and chips, lasagna, liver and onions ... of beef dip, seafood dishes and other ... And what can I say? It was without a doubt the best ... had all summer, accounting for every ... this review. ★★★★☆

PIZZA

The Funky Pickle *10441—82 Ave 433 - 3011* Pickle pizza means whole-wheat dough, red ... ing Asiago and Feta). Fresh vegetables and ... real attention to detail. ★★★★

Pharo's Pizza *8708—109 St. 433 - 5205* ... to commit the faux pas of saying that Pharo's ... pizza in town (my god, that's like choosing a ... among your children), but well state that it's ... personal top 10. The joint also has that retro ... and is perfectly situated beside the Garneau ... or post-show pigging out. ★★★★

Tony's Pizza Palace *9603—111 Ave. 439 - ...* 35 years in the business, Tony's Pizza Palace ... authentic premium pizza that's better than ... talking the best pizza crust in the city, hand ... ulous attention, never overcooked. Sal's Deluxe ... pizza lovin' heart—if your palate has been ... or examples, Tony's will remind you what the ... like. ★★★★☆

BURGERS

Burger Baron *9908—70 Ave., 433 - 7630* ... retains footholds all over Alberta, with seven ... around Edmonton, and offers 12 varieties of ... the Gourmet (ham, cheese, bacon, lettuce, ... pickles and "our special red sauce") to the ... slices and "our special red sauce") in three ... tray was empty in under five minutes and ... shake on the walk home. ★★★

Garage Bar & Grill *10242—106 St 423 - ...* for the fact it's housed in a renovated ... one of those lunchtime secrets for downtown ... in the know. A wonderful selection of ... sandwiches and finger foods and big ... alongside a heap of award-winning fries. ★★★☆

FAST FOOD

Rigatony's *10371—112 St., 425 - 1226* ... cheese steak was grilled fresh with plenty ... and mushrooms, dosed with spicy sauce ... valone and scooped into a bun lined with ... and mustard to order. The uncontrollable ... beef spilled in all directions; in short, it was a ... cheese steak. ★★★☆

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Home Style Cuisine
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$15.99 for your choice of
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LISTINGS

PHONE: 430-9003 FAX: 432-1102 E-MAIL: info@see.greatwest.ca
DEADLINE: Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Krista Hartman CD release party
Sat, May 14 at the Sidetrack

LIVE MUSIC

ALTERNATIVE

BLACK DOG *10425-82 Ave., 439-1082* — **Sat** John ... **Wed** The D. Rangers.
BOHEMIANS *10355-82 Ave., 434-6342* — **Sat** ... and Lane Arndt, 3 pm
CITY *10081 Jasper Ave., Palladium Building,* ... The The Wet Secrets, Junior ... The Rockin' Mexicans, 8 pm **Sun** ... Electric Co., Chad VanGaalen, Field and ... **Mon** Lower Class Brats, Clit 45 with ... and The Morellos, 7 pm, **AA Wed** Kinnie ...
DELICIOUS PUB *10108-149 St., 444-1822* — ... Theory, Methodical Breed, ...
DEVO'S *10314-104 St., 421-0992* — **Fri** Alberta ... Board, Wild Rose Revue & The B-... Columbus & Fosters And McGarvey.

BLUES & ROOTS

BLUE BEANS *13236-118 Ave., 454-2211* — **Sat** ...
BLUE CHAIR CAFÉ *9624-76 Ave., 989-2861* — **Thu** ... **Sat** Early Show:Bob Jahrig & ... 1 pm, Late Show: Ian MacDonald, 9 ...
BOTTLE ON WHYTE *10329-82 Ave., 439-5058* — ... Terry Hanck.
BREWHOUSE *10111-117 St., 482-2589* — **Fri** Sherry ... & Wes Borg.

JAZZ

BILLY'S CAFÉ *9640-142 St., 451-8890* — **Fri** Jim ...
BOBBY'S PIANO BAR *Chateau Louis Hotel, 11727 ... Ave., 732-4583* — Every **Wed** Late Nite ... 9:30 - 11:30 pm Every **Fri** ... Bowerman, 5 - 8 pm Every **Sat** ... Junkies, 8 – 11 pm
BRANDO SUITE *10203-86 Ave., 432-0428* — **Fri** ... Cord ensemble feat. Lane Arndt **Sat** ... Release Party

POP & ROCK

BLUE ... *... 137 Ave* — **Thu** Noname Band **Fri** & **Sat** Tacoy Ride
BOOMTOWN EDMONTON *7055 Argyll Rd., 463-9467* — ... Kelly & Allison Austin.
BOOT & YELLOWHEAD *12464-153 St., 424-9467* — **Sat** ... Proud
BRAZEN HOOF PUB *10610-100 Ave., 426-5381* — ...
BUTTER FLANT *U of A Campus, 492-3101* — ... Big Band
CAFE ... *10333-112 St., 421-1326* — **Thu** ... Party with Kyla Sandulak, Brock ... Mandolpool Fri Scotty Campbell & his ... Good Fer Nothin **Sat** The RetroFitz ... Open Mic **Tue** The Amos Garrett Trio **Wed** ... Release Party
CAMERON HALL *Argyll & 99 St., 702-0318* — **Fri** Ozzy ...
CHEERS LOUNGE *8103-105 St., 439-3388* — **Thu** ... Welsh

DJ & DANCE MUSIC

CHUCK BRADY & GILL *10104-104 St., 432-4611* — ... of the Pure

THE BEER HUNTER *7522-178 St., 489-7877* — **Thu – Sat** Ryan Wirges
CEILI'S IRISH PUB *10338-109 St., 426-5555* — **Every Thu** Screech!
THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928* — **Every Sat** The Shufflehound
DUKE OF ARGYLL *7230 Argyll Rd., 465-7931* — **Thu – Sat** Tim Cotton

DANCE CLUBS

UPDATE YOUR CLUB LISTING BY CONTACTING SILAS @ 430-9003, FAX 432-1102 OR EMAIL info@see.greatwest.ca.

ALTERNATIVE

THE ATTIC *10407-82 Ave, 433-1969* — **Wed** Hi-ball Night **Thu** Student Nite
BACKROOM VODKA BAR *10324-82 Ave (upstairs), 436-4418* — **Mon** Local Motive, house, progressive, techno w/ guests **Wed** Wild Cherry Wednesdays, deep house & mid-tempo grooves w/ Tripswitch & guests **Fri** FDCO 780 presents "The Next Episode" w/ Simon Locke, Anel, Roel & guests **Sat** Flava, hip hop w/ Shortround, Echo & guests **Sun** Moonlight Cinema 9 pm, *Simpsons*, a movie & DJ
THA BASSMENT INC. *125208-118 Ave., 488-7105* — All ages dance club every **Fri** & **Sat**
BOOTS *10242-106 St, 423-5014* — Open 7 days/week. Happy Hour: 3 to 8 pm **Fri** Retro Disco **Sat** Flashback Saturdays w/ DJs Derrick & Manny Mulatto, Male Stripper, 11 pm.
BLUE CHICAGO *142003-Stony Plain Rd., 451-1402* — **Thu** British Invasion.
BUDDY'S NIGHT CLUB *11725B-Jasper Ave, 488-6636* — **Sun** All request dance party w/ Eddy Toonflash **Mon** Amateur Strip Off w/Ashley Love & DJ Alvaro **Tue** Free pool, malebox, retro w/ DJ Arrowchaser **Wed** Drag shows, punk 7 electroshock w/ Eddy Toonflash **Thu** Wet Undies contest w Connie Lingua & DJ Squiggles **Fri** Hot dance party w/ DJ Alvaro **Sat** Pool tournament, DJ Arrowchaser.
CALIENTE LATIN CLUB *10815 Jasper Ave., 425-0850* — **Sat** Community night w/ DJs Nightcrawler and Anthony Rizzuto spinning progressive, house, trance, breaks. $5 after 11:30 pm.
CLIMAXX AFTERHOURS *10018-105 St.* — **Fri** Hard house & trance w Crunchee, Mr Anderson, Charlie Mayhem & Shortee **Sat** House & hard house w/ Will Danger, Donovan, Protégé, Jaw-dee, Tomek & LP.
DECADENCE *10018 – 105 St* — **Fri** Ladies night w/ DJ Smoov & guests, NC **Sat** Static & house w/ Lo & Tomek.
DEVLIN'S *10507-82 Ave, 437-7489* — **Happy hour** until 7 pm every night
DEWEY'S *Powerplant (U of A)* — **Every Mon**, Margins of Sounds w/ Baggy and Pote-1, chills beats, dub reggae, hip hop

LEGEND

TM — Ticketmaster (451-8000 or on-line @ www.ticketmaster.ca)
TIX — T X on the Square (420 1757)
WIN — Winspear Centre Box Office (428-1414 or 1-800 563 5081)
ARD – Arden Theatre (459-1542 or www.ardentheatre.com)
FES – Festival Place (449-FEST or www.festivalplace.ab.ca)
HOR – Horizon Stage (962-8995 or www.horizonstage.com)
NC — No Cover
AA — All Ages

THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE WHYTE AVE *10314-82 Ave. 439-4545* - **Thu** Sleeman Method Thursdays - DJ Headspin, down tempo & eclectic hip hop www.candi.whyte.com
FILTHY MCNASTY'S *10551 ... Ave (upstairs), 43... 7489* — Happy Hour ... 5 -9 pm **Mon** Meta Mondays **Tue** ... **Wed** Bar star... night **Thu** Punk Rock B... **Fri** & **Sat** ... Weekend w/ DJ Serial K (dance all ... retro) **Sun** Open stage w/ Mike Caton
HALO *10538 Jasper Ave 423-4256* — **Fri** The Mod Club Soul R&B indie, Brit pop, new wave reggae & classic punk w/ DJs Blue Jay & Travy D **Sat** For Those Who Know deep house w/ Junior Brown Remo, Simon Locke (monthly resident)
JAX'S *12315-118 Ave 448-3650* — **Fri** Whatda Funk w/ DJ Resident Funk & Matt Hatter house drum n' bass **Sat** DJ Nostalgia & guests, house hardhouse, trance MC **Sun** Free pool all day freestyle put your name down
KROBAR *10545 Whyte Ave 439-1422* — **Thu** Live & Loud Thursdays **Fri** Rock & Metal w/ DJ Matty
NEW CITY LIKWID LOUNGE *10081 Jasper Ave 429-CLUB* — **Mon** electro Brit Pop w/ Miss Mannered & Lance **Tue** Bingo in the Suburbs **Wed** Gong Show w/ Skinny J, Glam Rock'n'Roll Metal **Thu** Rub a Dub Thursdays w/ Jebus & his Apostles **Fri** Your Weekly AA Meeting w/ Adam & Jebus **Sat** Ass Shakin Funk w/ Cool Curt & Breakfluid **Sun** Bust a Nut w/ Remo & Cool Curt
NEW CITY SUBURBS *10081 Jasper Ave, 429-CLUB* — **Tue** Bingo hosted by King Flux Alpha & Dj Dildozer **Thu** Live music Fri Trashetera w Micropulse & Miss Mannered **Sat** S U.C K S w/ Nik Rofeelya & Blue Jay
PRISM BAR & GRILL *10524-101 St., 990-0038* — **Wed** Wings **Thu** Sports trivia Call for upcoming events
THE ROOST *10345-104 St 426-3150* — Cover Tues – Thu $1 members, $2 non-members, after 10 pm, $4; Fri & Sat, $4 members, $6 non-members, Sun $1 everyone Hours Sun – Thu, 8 pm – 3 am, Fri & Sat, 8 pm – 4 am **Tue** Flamingo Bingo w/ DJ Janny **Wed** Amateur Strip w/ Weena Luv, Sticky Vicky & DJ Alvaro, Happy hour till Midnight **Thu** Rotating shows, Sticky's open stage & the Weakest Link Game, 2nd & last Thu, DJ Jazzy, drink specials 8 – 11 pm **Fri** Euro Blitz, best new European music w/ DJ Outtawak upstairs, DJ Jazzy **Sat** Monthly theme parties, DJ Jazzy upstairs (new music), DJ Dan & Mike downstairs (retro music) **Sun** Betty Ford Hangover Clinic show, DJ Jazzy Info www.theroostnteclub.com
SAVOY BAR *10401-82 Ave* — **Wed** Sabor latin music w/ Cenzi **Fri** Bubi transcontinental indie trash, w/ Flyboy **Sat** Wanderlust: balearic beats w/ Ben Hot **Sun** French pop w/ Deja DJ
SEEDY'S *10314-104 St., 421-0992* — **Tue** Electrotrash w/ DJ Miss Mannered **Wed** Learning to Hunt w/ Megatunes **Thu** Hot Chicks & Hotter Wax
TANTRA *10147 Saskatchewan Dr, 434-8699* — **Mon - Thu & Sun** 5 pm - Midnight; **Fri & Sat** 5 pm - 2 am (Dancing 10 pm - 2 am)
UNION HALL *Argyll & 99st., 702-0318* — **Thu** Hi-ball specials **Fri & Sat** Power hour 9 – 10 pm
VICTORY LOUNGE *10030-102 St.* — **Tue** Liberation w/ DJ Leithal & Liam Harvey Oswald. Emo, hardcore, punk **Wed** Retro Rock w/ The Juggernaut **Thu** Nirnils Welcome no wave, dance punk, hip hop w/ DJ Nik7 **Fri** Vindictive Metal w/ The Vindictive

HOT SHOWS

Sloan at the Starlite room with Magneta Lane

AGNOSTIC FRONT — **Wed, May 11**, Starlite Room (10030-102 St.) w/ Love Is Red & All Shall Perish Tickets $19 from TM
BLACK MOUNTAIN — **Sun, May 22**, New City (10081 Jasper Ave.) W/ Blood Meridian & Pink Mountaintops. Tickets from New City
GREEN DAY — **May 19** Rexall Place Tickets Sold Out
JAKALOPE — **Thu May 12**, Starlite Room (10030-102 St.) Tickets $15 from TM
SLOAN — **Tue May 10** Starlite Room (10030-102 St.) w/ Magneta Lane Tickets from TM
TRAIL OF DEAD / NOISE CONSPIRACY — **Tue May 17** Red Willow Ballroom, Winterfest Tickets $25 from TM
THE VIBRATORS — **Thu May 12** New City (10081 Jasper Ave.) W/ The Gutter Demons & Hit And Run. Tickets from New City
WHITEY HOUSTON VS C'MON — **Thu May 19**, New City (10081 Jasper Ave.) W/ The Mark Inside Tickets from New City

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

PICK OF THE WEEK

STILL-LIFE HABITAT — From **May 5 to 26** ArtsHab Studio Gallery (*10217-106 St*) is hosting a new exhibit by four exciting local artists "Landlifes and Stillscapes" features paintings and drawings by Tom Gale, Doug Jamha, Richard Tosczak and Efim Konovolov. The opening reception happens this Thursday at 5 pm and is a great chance to meet the artists in the show, as well as visit with some of the ArtsHab residents. For more information on this or other ArtsHab events, visit www.artshab.com

THURSDAY

WET MEXICAN PANTHER PARTY — The Wet Secrets are back: blurring the lines between performance art, publicity stunt and rock'n'roll dance party, The Wets are one of the most unabashedly FUN things to happen to the Edmonton music-scape in some time. Thursday night (yep, tonight) New City (*10081 Jasper Ave*) will play host to this: the only party worth shaking your ass at. The legendary Rockin' Mexicans have returned from Manchester to open the show, and Junior Pantherz are playing the middle slot, so for godsakes, pull yourself together and get there early

FRIDAY

LIQUOR IN THE FRONT — Over-the-top hip-hop crew Alberta Lyrical Control Board will bring the noise to Seedy's (*10314-104 St*) this Friday night. Punkabilly rumblers The B-movies will be opening the show, and, like icing in the middle of the cake, the ladies of Wild Rose Revue burlesque will be teasing the crowd and comparing birthmarks before handing the stage over to ALCB. Things will get started around 9:30

SATURDAY

ASIAN INSPIRATION — As part of the Asian Heritage Month celebration, Stanley Milner Library (*7 Sir Winston Churchill Square*) is holding the "Asian Inspiration" variety show on Saturday at 1 pm. The event will feature music, dance, tea sampling, art displays and more. Admission is free and open to everyone.

SUNDAY

SILLY SUNDAYS — Every Sunday afternoon The Comic Strip (*Bourbon Street, WEM*) presents a Silly Sunday comedy performance for Kids. This week features all-ages stand-up by Ron Pearson and the amazing balloon creations of Dan the Balloon Man. For show times and information, call The Comic Strip at 483-5999.

MONDAY

AN EVENING OF ONE-ACTS — On Monday night, The Walterdale Playhouse (*10322-83 Ave.*) will be debuting three all-new one-act plays, selected from over 24 submissions, workshopped and prepared with a professional director. "The Open Mouth" by Catherine Francis, "Chance Moments" by Charles Netto and "Kissing the Armadillo" by Leland Stelck; starting at 8 pm. The series runs until May 14. $5 from TIX.

TUESDAY

MERRY GO ROUND — Sound & Fury Theatre and The Jekyll & Hyde Pub (*10610-100 Ave.*) present the sexiest theatrical experiment of the season. "Merry Go Round" is a smart, funny, bittersweet ode to sex, love and seduction, and will be playing Tuesday to Saturday at 8 pm with a matinee Sunday at 2 pm, until May 15. CallTIX.

WEDNESDAY

CINEMA AT THE CENTRE — This Wednesday's "Cinema at the Centre" screening features Morlang, the story of a successful artist and widower who seems to be hiding the truth of his past. This chilly mystery moves back and forth from past to present, slowly revealing the unsettling reality. Morlang is at Stanley Milner Library (*7 Sir Winston Churchill Square*) at 7 pm. Admission is free.

NEXT THURSDAY

THE VIBRATORS — On May 12, UK punk heroes The Vibrators are coming to New City (*10081 Jasper Ave.*) to play with The Gutter Demons & Hit And Run. Hopefully the Vibrators won't encounter any 'buzzing-luggage' incidents at the airport and will arrive ready to give the kids a once-in-a-lifetime show. Tix at Blackbyrd, Megatunes, Freecloud, Listen & New City.

LISTINGS

Bastard & guest DJs/performers **Sat**
I Am Damo Suzuki: indie, obscure, electronic w/ DJ Mittens & Bob Crane **Mon** Self Help: hip hop, pop, rock w/ DJ Slipped Disc.
WOODY'S *11725B Jasper Ave (Upstairs), 488-6836* — Happy hour daily 'til 8 pm **Sat** – **Wed** Karaoke w/ Anne & Terry **Tue** **Sat** & **Sun** Pool tournament [illegible] Sat Noon - 3 pm Sun Noon - Midnight
WUNDERBAR HOFBRAUHAUS *8120 – 101 St., 436-2286* — **Mon** Punk & Ska **Tue** Movie night **Wed** Rockabilly & psychobilly **Thu** Thunder metal w/ Headrun **Fri** Wunderfriday w/ DJ Sergio Giorgini **Sat** ReggaeMassive w/ DJ Shumba

TOP 40

ARMOURY DANCE LOUNGE *10310-85 Ave, 702-1800* — **Mon** Go-girl night: ladies night, male entertainment, magician, balloon artist, drink specials **Thu** 5 for $5 Fri Hot for Teacher **Sat** Retro '80s-'90s upstairs/Top 40 downstairs **Long Weekend** Colour parties – choose a theme colour and plan a party Info: www.armourydancelounge.com
AZUCAR *11733-78 St., 479-7400* — **Wed** Free Salsa Lessons **Thu** Free Salsa Lessons **Fri** Free Salsa Lessons **Sat** X Band. Info: www.edmontonsalsa.com
BAR NONE *10545-82 Ave., 405-1000* — Drink specials all night **Fri** & **Sat**
BILLIARD CLUB *#200, 10505-82 Ave., 433-3654* — **Thu** Tantric Thursdays. Live DJ, drink specials
B-STREET BAR *11816-111 Ave, 414-0545* — **Wed** - Karaoke
BLIND DUCK *10416-118 Ave., 479-7193* — **Wed** & **Fri** DJ Grand Master Rich Carr
BLUE CHICAGO *14203-Stony Plain Rd., 451-1402* — **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Taco in a Bag, rap, r&b
CAFE SELECT *10018-105 St., 428-1629* — **Fri** DJ [illegible]
CALIENTE NIGHT CLUB *10815 Jasper Ave, 425-0850* — **Thu** Urban Substance ladies night **Fri** Function Fridays w/ DJ Invinceable & MC J-Money **Sat** DJ Invinceable **Sun** Ladies Night w/ DJ Invinceable **Wed** Old Skool w/ DJ Shoka-Sean, DJ Sin & DJ Instigate. **Tue** Bashment reggae night NC B4 11 pm, $6 after 11 pm
CEILI'S IRISH PUB *10338-109 St., 426-5555* — **Mon** Get Your Funk On w/ Ossika **Fri** Cinco De Mayo **Sat** Various Fundrasers, **Wed** Hot Wheels
CHASE NIGHTCLUB *10345-105 St.* — **Tue** Calypso & Latin dance **Fri** Status Friday, R&B, hip hop & reggae
CHIMMY'S *8318-144 Ave., 478-1770* — **Sat** Ladies Night. Top 40 **Sun** happy hour all day, free pool
CLAREVIEW PUB *132 Ave & Victoria Tr, 414-1111* — **Tue** & **Thu** Karaoke **Wed** DJ Lex & DJ Fiora **Fri** & **Sat** Drink specials. Happy Hour Daily 11 am - 7 pm & all day **Sun** DJ Fiore plays today's hottest hits & yesterday's classics NC ever!
COWBOYS SALOON *10120-180 St., 481-8739* — **Tue** Ladies Night **Thu** 25 draft **Fri** Fun-tastic weekends **Sat** "Does your bladder matter?" contest
CRISTAL LOUNGE *10336 Jasper Ave, 426-7521* — **Fri** Fundraiser Night, call 990—3692 for bookings **Sat** Legendary Urban Saturdays (R&B, hip hop, reggae soca) w/DJ Invinceable & MC J-Money, $8
DARIEN'S COCKTAILS & FINE FOOD *5552 Calgary Tr S, 439-8675* — Full menu, happy hour every day 4 - 7 pm, wing specials, daily specials, games room, living room, big screen TV
THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928* — **Thu** Chris Wynters & guest **Sat** Harpdog Brown, 3 pm Open long weekend Sundays
ELEVATION LOUNGE *10309-81 Ave (upstairs), 433-4979* — DJ 4Play playing the best of top 40 & retro music all week long **Wed** Guest bartenders **Thu** Salsa Night, 8 pm NC
ESCAPE ULTRA LOUNGE *WEM, 489-1330* — **Thu** Ladies Night, drink specials **Fri** Freedom Fridays w/ Shocker **Sat** Evolution Saturdays w/ Shocker R&B, Top 40, Retro. www.edmontonnightclubs.com
THE FOX PUB *10125-109 St., 990-0680* — Drinks specials every day Mon Bud football **Wed** Music Trivia **Fri** & **Sat** DJ retro tunes for everyone Sun live music
GALLERY LOUNGE *Mayfield Inn, 16615-109 Ave., 930-4061* — **Thu** Rock'n'Roll trivia **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Rory
GAS PUMP *10166-114 St., 488-4841* — **Mon** NFL Football **Tue** & **Wed** Karaoke, drink specials & pool leagues **Thu** Twoonie Thursday drink special, 9 pm – 2 am, cash giveaway every month **Fri** & **Sat** Drink specials 9 - 10:30 pm, dance music by DJ Christian **Sun** Open most long weekend Sundays, drink specials 8.30 - 10:30 pm, dance music by DJ Travis
Mandatory coat check/dress code/no cover charge
GLOBE TAP BAR & GRILL *10045-109 St., 426-7111* - **Wed** Wings Night, starts @ 2 pm **Thu** Half price everything **Fri** & **Sat** Top 40 w/ dancing **Sun** Industry night
GREENHOUSE NIGHTCLUB *Neighborhood Inn 13103 Fort Rd, 472-9898* — Thu Ladies night w/ male reviews **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Fever, drink specials
THE GRINDER BAR *10957-124 St., 453-1709* — **Fri** & **Sat** Live Music (Blues, Classic Rock, New Rock) Draft Shooter specials, prize giveaways **Sun** Karaoke free pool all day
THE GUILTY MARTINI SOUTH *10338-81 Ave 433-7183* — Open **Wed** – **Sat**, 6 pm – 2 am **Wed** Drink specials **Thu** Students Night **Fri** Diva night **Sat** Guilty groove party. Open Sunday long weekends. Live DJ every night
H2O SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE *10044-82 Ave, 433-5794* — **Tue** & **Thu** & **Sat** & **Sun** Karaoke DJ Double Jack plays the best in dance, rock & pop
THE HIGH RUN CLUB *4925-98 Ave. 440-2233* — Sports & billiards, 14 types of draught beer on tap **Tue** Name that Tune 9 pm **Wed** Loonie pool night **Fri** & **Sat** Live entertainment **Sun** Happy hour all day
IRON HORSE *8101-103 St., 438-1907* — **Fri** DJ Loose Cannon **Sat** Urban dance party w/ DJ 420
THE JOINT NIGHTCLUB *2554 WEM, 8882-170th St., 486-3013* — **Wed** Industry Wednesdays Ladies Nite w/ male dancers **Fri** Fresh Fridays presented by Urban Metropolis Sound Crew, 2 Floors, 2 DJs, 2 Sounds, drink specials **Sat** In Shambles Saturdays Info: www.edmontonnightclubs.com
KELLY'S *11540 Jasper Ave, 451-8825* — **Mon** Free Pool **Wed** & **Sun** Karaoke Happy Hour 11 am - 7 pm daily
KINGSKNIGHT PUB *9221-34 Ave, 433-2599* — **Mon** Watch Monday Night Football on 15ft screen **Tue** Big Easy Tuesdays in the Venue (inside Kingsknight), buy a wristband ($10) get $1 drinks **Wed** Sake to Me Wednesdays, sushi & sake on special, karaoke hosted by Smirking Jay 9 pm **Thu** Live music, drink specials, karaoke w/ Smirking Jay in the Venue **Fri** Ladies Night in the Venue w/ male dancers 8 pm, karaoke 11 pm, live band 10 pm in the Kingsknight **Sat** Karaoke in the Venue 9 pm, live bands 10 pm in the Kingsknight **Sun** NFL football on big screen
LEGENDS PUB *#105, 6101-172 St., 481-2786* — Happy Hour all week, 2-7 pm **Fri** & **Sat** Live entertainment
LIVEWIRE BAR *1163 Knottwood Rd., 440-1063* — **Wed** Rock'n'Roll Trivia **Thu** – **Sat** DJ Dave **Sun** Karaoke
MEZZA LUNA *10238-104 St., 423-LUNA* — **Wed** & **Thu** Free Latin dance lessons, 9 - 11 pm **Fri** Advanced salsa lessons **Fri** & **Sat** Orquesta Energia.
NEWCASTLE PUB & GRILL 6108-90 Ave., 490-1999 — **Fri** & **Sat** DJ EZC.
THE NEW RUM *Phase II WEM, 486-9494* — **Thu** Urban Substance **Fri** & **Sat** Top 40 **Sun** Industry Sundays
NIKKI DIAMONDS *8130- Gateway Blvd. 439-8006* — **Fri** & **Sat** Dj/Dancing, top 40 & requests.
THE ONE ON WHYTE *10544-82 Ave., 437-7699* — **Fri** & **Sat** Retro, top 40, r&b w/ DJ Crownroyal **Sun** Hospitality house party
OVERTIME BROILER & TAPROOM *10304-111 St., 423-1643* — **Thu** Extreme Thursdays feature cheap drinks & cool music
PEPPERS *111 Ave & St. Albert Tr., 451-8022* — **Tue** Requests w/ Wyld Stallions **Wed** Wing night **Fri** & **Sat** Live music
POWERPLANT *U of A Campus, 492-3101* — **Mon** Universal Music prize giveaways **Fri** Crush On Fridays w/ DJ Redpoint **Sat** DJs Jesse & Chris, French & Brit pop, mod
PUCKS *11845 Wayne Gretzky Dr S, 471-1231* — **Fri** Top 40, '80s & Rock & Roll, Ladies specials, cool atmosphere, The newest club on the block **Sat** Hockey Night, closest club to the action, big screen TV's, drink specials **Sun** Pool Tournament, opens 2 pm tournament start 3 pm double knockout, cash prizes, drink specials all day
RACK 'EM BILLIARDS URBAN DANCE LOUNGE *10131-97 St., 474-7322* — **Fri** & **Sat** house, trance, R&B beats, DJ Venus & guests
RATT *7th Floor SUB bldg, U of A Campus* — **Sat** Athletes night w/ DJ Kriegs.
RED'S *WEM, 481-6420* — **Mon** All you can bowl, 9 pm **Tue** Toonie Tuesday **Wed** Casino bowl, cash prizes **Sun** Hypnotist show at 9:30.
ROSARIO'S PUB & KARAOKE CENTRAL *11715-108 Ave, 447-4727* — DJ Sociable Dave all week long **Mon** Monday Night Football (NTN & QBI) **Tue** Toonie Tuesdays (9 pm - 2 am) **Wed** & **Thu** Drink specials all night long **Fri** & **Sat** Pool Tournaments on 6 pool tables, foosball **Sun** NFL QB1 all day long.
RUM *Phase II, WEM, 486-9494* — **Thu** Student night, drink specials **Fri** R&B dance lessons **Sat** Reserve a Table **Sun** Industry night, dodgeball.
RUNWAY NIGHTSPOT *Leduc Inn, 986-4018* — **Wed** — **Sat** DJ Vincenzio.
RHYTHM & BREWS *4990-92 Ave.* — **Sat** Classic Rock night
SCOLARS PUB *11113-87 Ave.* — **Mon** Frat night **Wed** Draught special **Sun** Rock trivia
SCRUFFY MURPHY'S IRISH PUB *Whitemud Crossing, 485-1717* — **Thu** Half-price drinks 9 pm - Midnight **Tue** Industry Night, 25% off your tab **Wed** music trivia. Info: www.scruffymurphyspub.com
SELINA'S *15347 Stony Plain Rd., 481-6444* — Hip hop, reggae, soca, R&B **Wed** Giveaway Wednesday **Fri** Rupie's Sound Explosions **Sat** Dancehall Saturdays.
SMOK'N JOE'S 615 Hermitage Rd, 476-6122 — **Wed** Retro Nite; **Thu** Ladies Nite **Fri** Stop-watch Nite **Sat** Free cash give-a-way, $100 six-times-a-night **Sun** Industry Nite
THE STANDARD *6107-104 St., 438-CLUB* — **Wed** Wednesday gone wild w/ Nestor Delano **Thu** Limited edition, various DJ's & events **Fri** Harman B & DJ Kwake **Sat** Live to air w/ Mix 96. Info: www.thestandard.ca
STOLLI'S *10368-82 Ave., 437-2293* — **Sun** – **Mon** Drink specials, R & B, top 40, retro, dance.
STONEHOUSE PUB *11026 Jasper Ave, 420-0448* — **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Clay.
SUITE 69 *8232-103 St, 439-6969* — **Wed** — **Sat** '70s & '80s dance music.
TONIC AFTER DARK *9920-62 Ave, 408-2877* — **Fri** Fantasy Fridays, Ladies night **Sat** Uncensored Saturdays w/ Urban Metropolis Sound Crew. Info: www.edmontonnightclubs.com
URBAN LOUNGE *8111-105 St.* — **Tue** Salsa & the City, dance lessons at 8 pm.
WEISERS LOUNGE *957 Fir St., Sherwood Park, 464-3939* — **Tue** Latin night **Fri** Classic rock **Sat**, 3 pm Live music jam **Thu**, **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Dino, large dance floor, Top 40
WOOLY BULLY'S *8230 Gateway Blvd., 435-2886* — **Mon** – **Sat** Food & drink specials

COUNTRY

COOK COUNTY SALOON *8010-103 St., 432-COOK (2665)* — **Wed** Kickin' karaoke **Thu** Classic country **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Gary. Take your chances on the mechanical bull!
COWBOYS COUNTRY SALOON *10180-180 St., 481-8739* — Country/Top 40 Music, dress code in effect, $5 cover charge **Tue** Western Canada's #1 Ladies Night featuring exotic male entertainers, topless waiters, drink specials, NC for ladies before 10:30 pm NC for all restaurant/hospitality staff **Thu** drink specials **Fri** Student/College Night Out, drink specials **Sat** Edmonton's Biggest Weekend [illegible]
DUSTERS PUB *6402-118 Ave., 474-5554* — **Wed** Name That Tune **Fri** & **Sat** Dustkickers.
FATBOYZ PUB *6104-104 St., 437-3633* — **Thu** Wing night **Fri** Live entertainment.
J.J.'S PUB *13160-118 Ave., 451-9180* — **Fri** & **Sat** Live entertainment
LONGRIDERS SALOON 11733-78 St., 479-7400 — Open **Wed** – **Fri** @ 5 pm, **Sat** @ 2 pm
NEW WEST TAVERN *15025-111 Ave., 489-2511* — Country & honky tonk
RATTLESNAKE SALOON *9261-34 Ave, 438-8878* — **Tue** Free country dance lesson w/ Leon Klatt happy hour all night **Wed** Happy hour all night **Thu** Free country dance lessons w/ Leon Klatt; **Thu**, **Fri** & **Sat**

Vincea McClelland performing May 6 at Convocation Hall. See Concerts.

Ladies night specials, live entertainment – Sat, 5 – 2 am.
WILD WEST SALOON *12912-50 St.* — **Wed** Free beginners dance lessons Free intermediate dance lessons [illegible]

OPEN STAGE

THURSDAY

BACKDRAUGHT PUB *8307-99 St.* — Open mic at 8 pm, hosted by [illegible]
BACKSTAGE TAP & GRILL *12536 [illegible] 5483* — Open jamat 8 pm, no cover
THE BLIND DUCK *10416-118 Ave* — Open stage hosted by Loren Burns[illegible] close.
BUDS LOUNGE *St. Albert, 458-3820* — 8pm - 11pm.
DUSTER'S PUB *6402-118 Ave 474-0997* — Open stage 9 pm, hosted [illegible]
EASTBOUND EATERY *11248-104* — sion 8 pm hosted by Blake Kinley
THE GRINDER *10957-124 St* — stage, 9 pm, hosted by Harpdog [illegible]
J & R BAR *4003-106 St., 436-4410* — 8:30 pm hosted by The Poster Boy
J.J.'S PUB *118 Ave. St. Albert Tr., 46[illegible]* — Open Stage hosted by Enrique
JUGS PUB *7450-82 Ave., 465-4046* — Open [illegible] night.
NAKED CYBER CAFE & ESPRESSO BAR *10[illegible] Jasper Ave., 425-9730* — Open stage 8 pm [illegible] your own instruments, poetry, etc
PLEASANTVIEW HALL *10860-57 Ave* — sion 7 pm, hosted by the Wild Ro[illegible] Fiddlers Association. Info 433-28[illegible]
ST. THOMAS COFFEE HOUSE *44 St [illegible] St. Albert, 458-8225* — First Thu of every [illegible] open stage and jam 7:30 - 10:30 pm host[illegible] & Penny.

FRIDAY

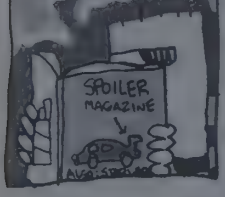
BELLA BEANS *13236-118 Ave, 454-2211* — Acoustic open stage, 7.30-10 pm
ESPRESSO STATION *4707-49 Ave (acr[illegible] the 7/11), Stony Plain, 963-6635* — hosted by Shenta & Karla
GOBBLE GOBBLE *12831 Fort Rd* — 8 pm hosted by Jay
WOODCROFT HALL *13915-115 Ave* — 7:[illegible] hosted by the Uptown Folk Club

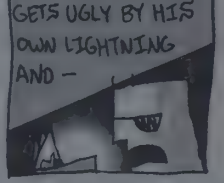
SATURDAY

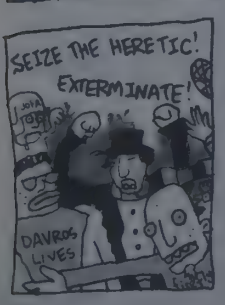
BACKSTAGE TAP & GRILL *12536 [illegible] 5483* — Open jam6 –10 pm
BLIND PIG PUB *St. Albert* — 3 30 pm [illegible] the Brothers of Soul
BLUES ON WHYTE *10329-82 Ave* — Blues jam 3 - 8:30 pm
CHIMMY'S *8318-144 Ave. 478-1770* — [illegible] jams 3 - 7 pm.
JASPER PLACE HOTEL *15303 Stony Plain [illegible] 1906* — Open Stage, 3 – 6 pm
NEW WEST TAVERN *111 Ave. & 151 St.* — Afternoon jam session at 3 pm.
RED STRAP MARKET *10305-97 St 497-0[illegible]* **Sat, Apr 9, 2 – 4 pm.**
ROSIE'S BAR AND GRILL *10315-124 St.* — Open blues & country jam 5:30 - 9:30

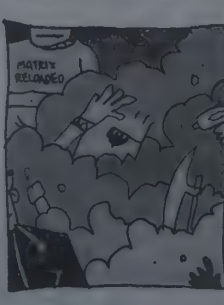
SUNDAY

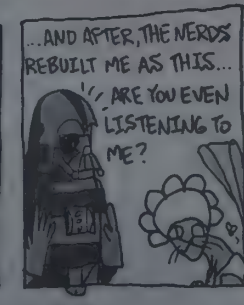
BLIND PIG PUB *St. Albert, 418-6332* — [illegible] jam w/ Carmen
BLUE CHICAGO *142003-Stony Plain* — Open stage, 8 pm, everyone Welcome
CARGO & JAMES TEA SHOPPE *10[illegible]* Open Stage 7 – 10 pm hosted by [illegible]
FILTHY MCNASTY'S *10511-82 Ave [illegible] 7489* — Free jam hosted by Mike [illegible]
MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL *10220-96 [illegible]* Open Stage hosted by Bruce Fox [illegible]
NEWCASTLE PUB & GRILL *6108-90 [illegible]* — Open Stage w/ Willie James & [illegible] 5:30 pm
NEW ORLEANZ BLUES & JAZZ *1534[illegible]*

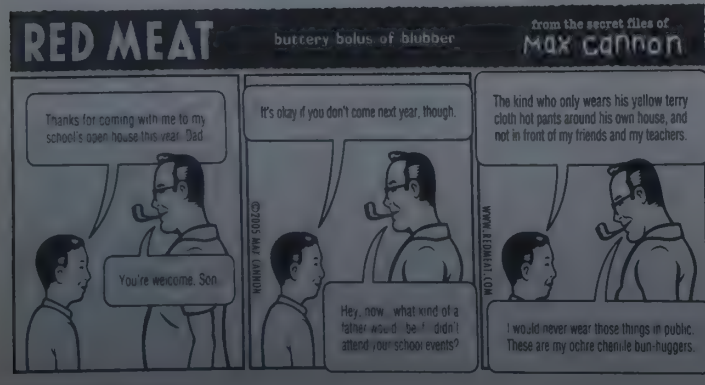












— Singer/Songwriter open stage, 7 -

AMONDS *8130 Gateway Blvd., 439-8006* — Jam w/ Mike

BE'S WISH PUB *10616-82 Ave., 414-6768* — hosted by Joe Bird, 9 pm.

TRAP MARKET *10305-97 St., 497-2211* — for musicians, 2 – 4 pm.

10111-117 St, 482 2589 — Jam w/ 9 30 pm.

6120-101 St., 436-2286 — Open

MONDAY

PUB *ST Albert, 418-6332* —

BUR'S *8937-82 Ave., 463-6397* — Open

the Retro Rockets, 8 pm – 12 am.

23 Alexis Dr., ST Albert, 460-9100 — 9 — guest hosts & house band

CAFE *10333-124 St., 421-1326* — 10 pm featuring Ben Spencer, NC.

TUESDAY

JM VODKA BAR *10324-82 Ave.* — Open The Raving Poets.

PUB *ST Albert, 418-6332* — Evening

BO *11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928* — Chris hosts open stage at 9 pm.

PUB *6104-172 St., 481-2786* — Open

OUP *Churchill Square* — 7:30 pm hosted

SUITE *10203-86 Ave., 432-0428* — 9 pm

EDNESDAY

TRAP & GILL *7704-104 St., 432-4611* — pm hosted by Duff.

PUB *ST Albert Tr., 432-3606* — Country w/ Randy J Martin & Danita Lynn.

NGE *Grandin Plaza, ST Albert, 458-3826*

10209-100 Ave. — Open & musicians.

UNTVIEW HALL *10860-57 Ave.* — Bluegrass 7 30 pm hosted by the Northern Circle Music Society. Info: 434-5997

COMMUNITY HALL *10135-96 Ave.* — open stage 8 - 11 pm, hosted by Brian 429-3624 or ab.ca/~bgbg/flower.html

CANADIAN BRANCH *10220-156 St.* — gam, 9 pm w/ The Dino Dominelli Hot

VICTORY LOUNGE *10030-102 St.* — Jam/open stage, guest hosts

CONCERTS

AROUND THE WORLD — Sat May 7 7 pm, Knox Evangelical Free Church (8403-104 St.) Free admis Seen

AT THE PROMS — Sun, May 15, 7 30 pm Winspear Centre Tickets $50 - $65 from WIN

CHILDREN'S MUSIC FOUNDATION — Fri, May 6 7.30 pm, Horizon Stage. Feat Norm Usiskin, Laura Weed, Jared Mosher & many more Tickets $15 from HOR

BRAD JOHNER — Tue, May 10, Winspear Centre Tickets from WIN

CALICO PIE — Sun, May 8 3 pm, Ellerslie Church (10603 Ellerslie Rd.) Feat Cantilon Choirs Tickets $10 from TIX

CANADIAN BRASS — Fri, May 6, 8 pm, Citadel Theatre, Tickets $30 - $34 from CIT

EDMONTON COLUMBIAN CHOIR — May 13 & 14 6.30 pm, Royal Glenora Club Tickets $18 - $35, call 430-6806

EDMONTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA — May 11, 8 pm **May 15**, 3 pm, Convocation Hall (U of A) Tickets $7 - $10 from TIX

FESTIVAL SINGERS — Sun, May 15, 2 pm, Festival Place (Sherwood Park) Tickets $8 - $10 from FES

FRED EAGLESMITH — Fri May 6, 8 pm, St Basil's Centre (10819-71 Ave.) W/ The Flying Squirrel Revue Tickets $25 from TIX

FUGUES, FANTASIES & FIREWORKS — Thu May 12, 8 pm Convocation Hall (U of A) Tickets $10 Adult, $5 Senior/Student from TIX

GLEN DELAFOSE — Thu, May 5, 8 pm, Winspear Centre. W/ French Rockin' Boogie Tickets $32 - $367 from WIN

I CORISTI — Sat May 7, 8 pm, McDougall Church (10025-101 St.) Tickets $15 from TIX

JAZZ AND REFLECTIONS — Sun, May 8 3 30 pm Doug Innes Dixieland 6 **Sun May 15**, 3 30 pm, Sandro Dominelli Trio, Ritchie United Church (9624 74 Ave.) Collection at the door

JESSE COOK — Sat, May 21 Arden Theatre (St Albert) Tickets $48 50 from ARD

THE LYNNE SINGERS — Tue, May 17, 8 pm, Ellerslie Church (10603 ellerslie Rd.) Tickets $10 - $15 from TIX.

MONTION NOTION FESTIVAL — July 15 – 17, Outside Edmonton w/Uberzone, Cosmosis, Tech Itch, Treavor and more. Tickets from TM

RAVI SHANKAR — Wed, May 18, 8 pm, Winspear Centre. Tickets $45 - $65 from WIN

REFLECTIONS: THE LAST 100 YEARS — Sun, May 15 7 30 pm Eva O'Howard Theatre (Victoria School 10210-108 Ave) Tickets $12 50 Phone Annette at 459 7494

REXALL SYMPHONY FOR KIDS INVITATION TO DANCE — Sun May 14 Winspear Centre Ticket from WIN

ROBBINS LIGHTER CLASSICS MEDITERRANEAN BREEZES — Thu, May 19 Winspear Centre Tickets from WIN

ROBBINS POPS: GOTTA DANCE — May 13 & 14 Winspear Centre Tickets from WIN

SMITH & DRAGOMAN — Sat, May 14, 7.30 pm Provincial Museum (12845-102 Ave) Tickets $15 $18 from TIX

VINCEA MCCLELLAND — Fri May 6 8 pm Convocation Hall (U of A) Tickets $15 - $20 Presented by the Edmonton Classical Guitar Society

WENDEL FERGUSON — Fri May 6, 8 pm Woodcroft Hall (13915-115 Ave) Tickets $12 from TIX Presented by the Uptown Folk Club

WOMEN ON THE PLAINS THE LAST 100 YEARS Sun, May 15 3 pm Eva O'Howard Theatre (Victoria School, 10210-108 Ave) Tickets $12 50 Phone Marilyn at 458 0032

KARAOKE

BACKSTAGE TAP & GRILL *12536-137 Ave 45 5483* — **Tue** Karaoke **Wed** Karaoke Contest

BANKERS PUB *16753-100 St* — **Fri & Sat** 9 pm w/ Off-key

BAR 8 BAR & GRILL *4249-23 Ave* — **Thu** 9 30 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

B-STREET BAR *1181 111 Ave 414-0545* — **Wed - Sun** w Brad Scott

BILLY BOB'S *Continental Inn 1662 Stony Pl Rd 484-7751* — **Fri & Sat**

BILLY BUD'S *9839-63 Ave 438-1148* — **Sat** 8 30 pm, Karaoke Idol contest

BLIND PIG *32 St Anne St 418-6332* — **Thu**

BLUE CHICAGO *14203 Stony Plain Rd , 451-1402* — **Tue**, 8 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

BLUE QUILL *326 Saddleback Rd, 434-3124* — **Fri & Sat**

BO-DIDDLY'S PUB & GRILL *4274-137 Ave 476 1918 or 377-0219* — **Thu** w/ Mr Entertainment

BO-DIDDLY'S PUB & GRILL *23 Ave & 66 St Millwoods Centre* — **Thu**, 9 30 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

BORDERLINE PUB *3226-82 St , 462-1888* — **Thu – Sat** 9 30 pm – 1.30 am

Brad Johner performing May 10 at the Winspear Centre. See Concerts.

BOSTON PIZZA BEVERLY *3303 118 Ave* - - **Sat** 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr Entertainment

BOSTON PIZZA NAIT *10115 Princess Elizabeth Ave* — Wed, 9 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

BOSTON PIZZA WHYTE *10854-82 Ave , 433-3151* — **Thu** 9 pm

BROTHERS PUB *101100 Granada Blvd Shwd Park* — **Sun** 9 30 pm – 1 30 am

BUD'S LOUNGE *Clareview Mall 98 Ave & 5 St* **Fri & Sat** 9 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

BUD'S LOUNGE *Londonderry 66 St & 137 Ave* — **Fri & Sat**, 9 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

BUDS LOUNGE *St Albert 458 3826* — **Fri & Sat** 9 30 pm – 1 30 am

CASSELWOOD PUB *14620 50 St 473-1010* **Wed** 9 30 pm – 1 30 an

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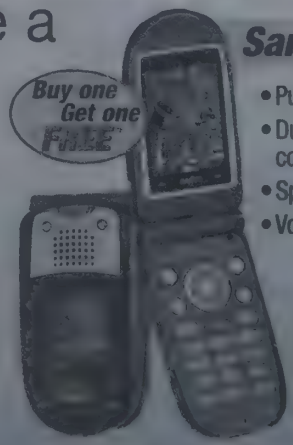

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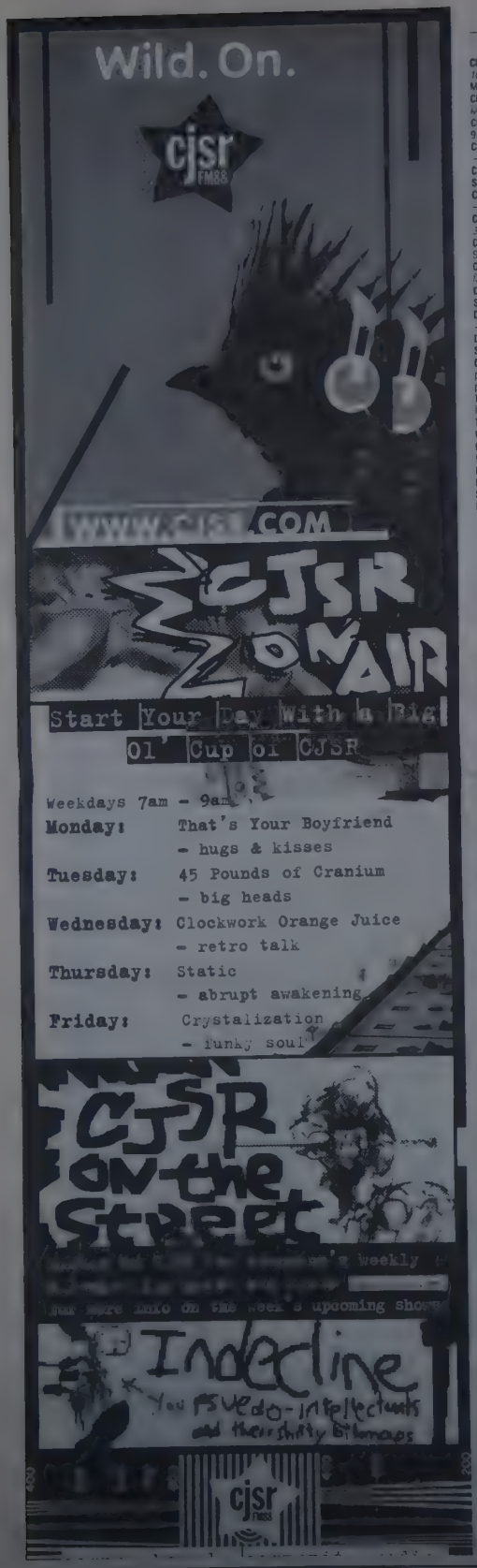


LISTINGS

CEILI'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT *10338 109St 426-5555* — **Sat**, 9pm Jameoka w/ Neil Macdonald **Every Sat until Mar 19**, Ceili's Icon

CHATEAU ON THE HILL Beaumont — **Fri**, 9 pm w Mr. Entertainment

CHIMMY'S *8318-144 Ave., 478-1770* — **Tue & Fri** 9 pm w/ Wild Kenny

CLAREVIEW PUB *104, 550 Clareview Rd. 414-1111* — **Tue** 10 pm - 2 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

CLIFF CLAYVIN'S *9710-105 St., 424-1614* — **Fri & Sat** 10 pm – 2 am

COOK COUNTY SALOON *8010-103 St., 432-COOK* — **Wed** 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

COSSACK INN *301-1st Ave., Spruce Grove, 962-3844* — **Wed** 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

CROWN & ANCHOR *15277-113 St.* — **Thu**, 9 pm w/ Shaun Donaldson

CROWN & DERBY *13103 Ft. Rd.* — **Fri**, 9:30 pm w/ Xtreme Karaoke

DARIEN'S LOUNGE *9945-50 St., 440-5071* — **Fri & Sat**

DOC'S LOUNGE *15203 Stony Plain Rd., 486-1100* — **Wed** Fri & **Sat**, 9:30 – 1:30 am

DOYLE'S PUB *2619-151 Ave 473-1961* — **Fri & Sat** 9:30 pm

DRAKE HOTEL *3945-118 Ave., 479-3929* — **Sun** 8 pm Karaoke Drake Idol starts. Registration at 7:30 pm **Mon** 8 pm. Karaoke Bingo Starts

THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave* — **Wed**, 9:30 pm w Mr. Entertainment

THE DRUID SOUTH *2945 Calgary Trail South* — **Wed** 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment

DUSTER'S PUB *6402-118 Ave., 474-5554* — **Wed** 9 pm – 1 am & **Sun** 8 – 12 pm

EARL'S *13330-50 St.* — **Sun**, 9 pm w/ Off-Key

FRANCO'S *14059 Victoria Tr. 478-4636* — **Thu – Sat**, Woody's karaoke 9 pm

FINNIGAN'S *13560-Fort Rd.* — **Wed**, 8:30 pm – 12:30 am w/ Big Time Entertainment

FIRST CITY *10136-100 St., 428-3399* — **Sun**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

FRANKLIN'S PARK LOUNGE *2016 Sherwood Dr Sherwd Park* — **Fri & Sat**, 10 pm – 2 am

FUNKY BUDDHA *10341-82 Ave.* — **Sun**, 9:30 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment

GAS PUMP *10166-114 St., 488-4841* — **Tue & Wed** 9:30 pm

THE GRINDER *10957-124 St., 453-1709* — **Sun**, 9 pm w/ Eddie

H2O SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE *10044-82 Ave., 433-5794* — **Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun**

HILLVIEW PUB *311 Woodvale Rd W, Millwoods 462-0462* — **Fri**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

HORSHU LOUNGE *137 Ave & 58 St.* — **Mon & Sat** 10 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment

INGLEWOOD PUB *12402-118 Ave., 451-1390* — **Thu – Sat**, 9:30 pm - 2 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

JD'S POLAR PUB *6825-83 St., 413-1883* — **Thu & Fri**, 9 pm

JUGS PUB *7450-82 Ave., 465-4046* — **Sat**, 9 pm

KELLY'S *11540 Jasper Ave., 451-8825* — **Sun & Wed**

KINGSKNIGHT PUB *9221-34 Ave., 433-2599* — **Thu**, Smirking Jay 9 pm

KNIGHTS PUB *11860-145 Ave.* —**Tue, Thu - Sat** w/ Mr. Entertainment

KNIGHTS PUB SOUTH *1919-105 St., 461-0587* — **Sat**, 10 pm – 2 am w/ Gord's Best Live Singing Lounge

KOSMOS *5011-50 Ave., Leduc, 986-3122* — **Wed & Sat**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

L. B.'S PUB *23 Akins Dr, St. Albert, 460-9100* — **Tue**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Karaokonuts **Thu**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Hot Tunes

LEGENDS PUB *#105, 6104-172 St., 481-2786* — **Wed** 9 pm

LE GLOBE *149 St. & Stony Plain Rd., 489-1022* — **Mon** – **Thu** & **Sat**, 9 pm

LOCKER ROOM *10209-100 Ave., 428-6442* — **Mon & Fri**

METRO BILLIARDS *10250-106 St., 990-0704* — **Tue**, 10 pm – 2 am w/ Loung Lizard Ent

MICHAEL'S *11730 Jasper Ave., 482-4767* — **Mon**, w/ Mr. Entertainment

MILTON'S CAFÉ & BAR *10235-124 St., 451-8188* — **Fri, Sat**, Starts at 4 pm

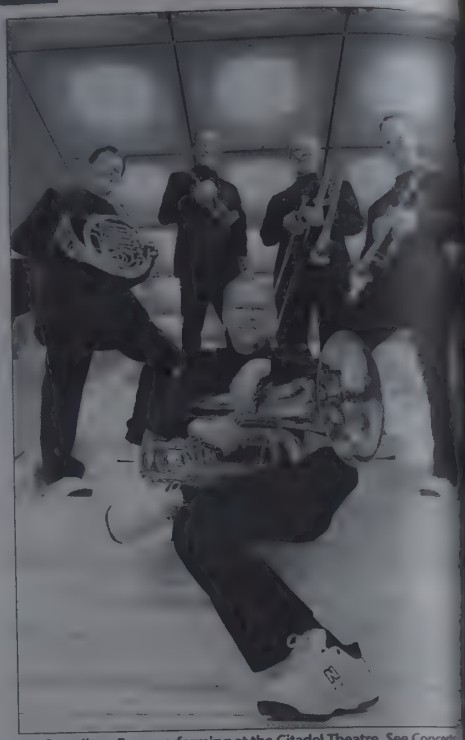
MUGGN'Z PUB *6655-178 St.* — **Wed & Sat**

NEWCASTLE PUB *6108-90 Ave., 490-1999* — **Tue & Thu**.

NEW ORLEANZ NIGHTCLUB *15347 Stony Pl Rd. 484-2602* — **Tue**

ORLANDO'S I *15163-121 St., 457-1195* — **Wed & Thu** 9 pm - 1 am w/ Off-Key **Sun** w/ Mr. Entertainment

ORLANDO'S II *13509-127 St., 451-7799* — **Tue & Wed** 9 pm - 1:30 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.



Canadiana Brass performing at the Citadel Theatre. See Concerts

OVERLAND LOUNGE *12960 St. Albert Tr.* — **Fri** 9 pm – 1 am w/ Big Time Entertainment **Sat** 9 pm – 1 am w/ Off-Key

PEPPERS *Westmount Mall* — **Thu**, 9 pm.

RATT *7th floor SUB bldg, U of A campus* — **Wed**, 7 pm w/ DJ Kriegs

RATTLESNAKE SALOON *9261-34 Ave, 438-8878* — **Tue - Sat**, karaoke corral, 9 pm w/ Mr Entertainment

RISING SUN CAFÉ & SOBER DANCE CLUB *11311 Kingsway Ave., 479-3775* — **Wed & Thu**, Family karaoke 6 pm – Midnight

ROSARIO'S PUB & KARAOKE CENTRAL *11715-108 Ave., 447-4727* — **7 days a week**, 9 pm

ROSE BOWL PIZZA *10111-117 St., 482-5152 or 482-2589* — **Wed & Sat**

ROSIE'S BAR & GRILL *10315-124 St., 482-1600* — **7 days a week**, 9:30 pm

ROSIE'S BAR & GRILL *10475-80 Ave., 439-7211* — **Thu – Sat**, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am.

ROSIE'S BAR *63 Ave & 99 St* — **Tue – Sat**, 9 pm w/ Off-key

ROSIE'S LOUNGE *10604-101 St., 423-3499* — **Mon**, 9 pm: Triveoke **Tue – Sat**, 9 pm: Karaoke.

RHYTHM & BREWS *4990-92 Ave., 490-5504* — **Fri** 9 pm

SAK'S ON 51 ST *10525-51 Ave.* — **Fri & Sat**

SANDS HOTEL *12340 Ft. Rd.* — **Fri**, 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment

SCHOLARS *Quad 13 11113-87 Ave.* — **Sun & Tue**, 9:30 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment.

SHERLOCK HOLMES *Bourbon Street, WEM* — **Sun**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.

SILVER MARTINI *10668-156 St., 484-9753* — **Thu & Sat**, 9 pm w/ Lounge Lizard Ent.

SMOK'N JOES ROADHOUSE *615 Hermitage Rd., 476-6122* — **Wed** w/ Rockin Kenny.

SPIKES RESTAURANT & LOUNGE *99 St & 32 Ave., 430-3663* — **Fri & Sat** w/ TLC enter

SPORTSMANS LOUNGE *145 81* pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment

STRATHERN PUB *9514-87 St 465* — **Fri & Sat**

THYME TO DINE *15505-118 Ave* — **Fri & Sat** pm – 1 am

TODAY'S PUB *5224-86 St* — **Fri & Sat**, 9 pm am w/ Big Time Entertainment

WINSTON'S PUB *9016-132 Ave* — **Wed Fri** 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment

WOODY'S *11725B Jasper Ave (Upstairs) 6636* — **Sat – Mon** w/ Randy, **Tue & Wed** w/

YESTERDAY'S *Boudreau Rd, St Alb* — **Tue**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Off-Key

ZOCCA'S *10807 Castledowns Rd* — **Sun** 9 pm am w/ Off-Key Entertainment

LIVE COMEDY

THE COMEDY FACTORY *408-3414* **Thu – Sat** Tim Koslo.

THE COMIC STRIP *Bourbon Street, WEM, 48* — **Thu – Sun** Sam Fedele w/ Rick Bronson Special Guests **Sun** Silly Sundays for Kids Pearson and Dan the Baloon Man **Tue** Sheldon Fingler. **Wed** The Second City Players. Showtimes nightly at 8 pm, Fri & 10:30 pm, Sat 8 pm & 10:30 pm, Sun 8 pm Sundays 12 pm – 1:45 pm.

DARIEN'S COCKTAILS & FINE FOOD *5552 Tr. South, 439-8675* — Pro/Am comedy every **Thu**, 9 pm

FARGOS WHYTE AVE *10307-82 Ave* Every **Sun**, 9 pm Laugh A Lot Comedy

IMPROV WORKSHOPS FOR THE FOOLHARDY *Rapid Fire Theatre, 10920-88 Ave* — Join Fire Theatre's improvisers in an enterta educational improv theatre workshop offered weekly in one-month sessions classes on **Wed**, 7 - 9:30 pm, advanced **Tue** 7 - 9:30 pm. Fee: $75 + gst. Info 448 www.rapidfirethearre.com.

LEGENDS PUB *#105, 6101-172 St., 481-* Every **Mon**, Yuk Yuk's comedy tour.

YUK YUKS *66 St. & 137 Ave. Londonderry* **Fri & Sat** The Can AM Comedy Jam w/ John Wing.

EXHIBITS

AGNES BUGERA GALLERY *12* *2854* — **Until May 12** *Garden Paint* Nancy Day

ALBERTA CRAFT COUNCIL *10186* *5900* — **Until May 21** *Reflections* works by Ann Haessel & Vickie New

FREE STUFF

This is what you need to do: Call our hotline, 430-9043, between 1 and 1:15 p.m. on Friday, indicate which of the prizes listed below you'll be vying for and give our FREE STUFF operator the correct answer. If you reach our answering machine hang up and try again. You may not win FREE STUFF by leaving messages on our voice mail or sending faxes to the SEE office or if you have won in the last 30 days.

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Prize: A double guest pass to see *Nobody Knows* at the Garneau Theatre.
Skill testing question: Hanae Kan, who stars in *Nobody Knows*, was also in what 2001 film?

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Skill testing question: Gordon Tootoosis, who stars in *Hank Williams First Nation*, plays Joe Redsky in what TV series?

LISTINGS

David Suzuki speaking at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. See Readings and Lectures.

May 21: *Arrrsvigant Faces*: portraits by Wendy [illegible] **Until May 21**: *Musings on My First Nine Lives*: [illegible] by Joan Irvin. Hours: Mon – Sat, 10 am – [illegible] pm. E-mail. acc@albertacraft.ab.ca.
[illegible] BEAT GALLERY *26 St. Anne Street, St. Albert, [illegible]679* — Info. www.artbeat.ab.ca
[illegible] MODE GALLERY *12220 Jasper Ave.* — Works by Chris Bowman, Louise Laroche, Robert Roy & [illegible]
[illegible]TS HABITAT *10217-106 St., 428-2787* — **May 5 – 26**: *Landvites And Stillscapes* Paintings and [illegible] by Tom Gale, Doug Jamha, Richard [illegible], and Erim Konovolov. Open house exhibit [illegible]. Thu, 5 – 8 pm Info: www.artshab.com
[illegible]TS & SCIENCE BY MARCE & MARCE — [illegible] dimensional paintings by Brenda Marce. [illegible] appointment, *435-5838*.
[illegible]ANYAN TREE GALLERY *10336-107 St., 425-2727* — [illegible] contemporary South Asian artworks, [illegible], jewelry and more. Info: info@banyantree-[illegible]
[illegible]MACLAW GALLERY *10403-124 St., 482-1204* — [illegible] May 5: Mixed Media works by Aaron Paquette.
[illegible]ENTRE D'ARTS VISUELS DE L'ALBERTA *9103-95 Ave. 461-3427* — **Until May 11**: Group Show feat. [illegible] artists. **May 13 – 25**: *Window to the [illegible]*. Opening Reception, **May 13,** 7 pm – 8:30 pm.
[illegible]ACHKAS *8118-100 St., 432-9444* — Info: [illegible]@telusplanet.net
[illegible]RSTL BERGSTROM'S RED GALLERY *9621-82 [illegible]* **Until May 14**: *Flesh: Beyond the Surface.* [illegible] web site at www.redgallery.com. Hours: [illegible] Fri, 11 am - 5 pm; Sat by appointment, [illegible]
[illegible]MAN'S COVE *Westmount Shopping Centre,* [illegible] Tole Painting and Victorian Music [illegible] by Rev Runolfson.
[illegible]STIAN GALLERY *10727-124 St., 488-8720* — [illegible] Wed – Sat, 11 am – 5 pm.
[illegible]OUGLAS UDELL GALLERY *10332-124 St., 488-[illegible]*
[illegible]MONTON ART GALLERY *2 Sir Winston Churchill [illegible] 422 6223* — **Until May 8**: *Re-Building the [illegible]* by seven Canadian artists exploring [illegible]tecture **Until May 8**: *David Janzen [illegible]* Paintings of Surveillance Cameras [illegible] May 29: *Masterworks 19the Century French [illegible] the National Gallery of Canada* **Until [illegible]**: *[illegible]ches Dove: Eye for Architecture*
[illegible]tra Gallery Until Jan 2006: *Tir-Na-Nog* [illegible] by Yardley-Jones. Hours: Tues, [illegible] 0:30 am — 5 pm, Thu, 10:30 am — 8 [illegible] holidays, 11 am — 5 pm. Info: [illegible]tonartgallery.com
[illegible]TRUM GALLERY *12419 Stony Plain Rd., 482-[illegible]* Until **Dec 2005**: *Collection 2005* works by [illegible] rotation monthly. Hours: Tue by app- [illegible], Wed – Fri, 10 am – 5:30 pm, Sat, 10 am [illegible] noon weekends
[illegible]NON CENTRE GALLERY *2nd Fl, 8303-112 [illegible]* **Until May 16**: *Rozome*: Japanese [illegible] textiles revisited. Hours: 8:30 am – 8 pm, [illegible] am – noon. Sat. Info: 492-3034
[illegible] GALLERY *1-1 Fine Arts Building, U of A* **May 3 – 14**: *Communication Through [illegible]*. Reception **Thu, May 5**, 7 pm – 10 pm. [illegible] Fri, 10 am – 5 pm, Sat, 2 – 5 pm.
[illegible] DOOR *10309-81 Ave. 432-7535* —
[illegible] GALLERY *10516-Whyte Ave, 432-0240* — [illegible] St. *The Unclean* Stella Rothenburger w/ [illegible] Dowe.
[illegible] GALLERY *12312 Jasper Ave., 488-2952* — [illegible] Sat, 10 am – 5 pm
[illegible]NS HOSPITAL *3015-62 St* — **Until May [illegible]**: students of Alanna Marie. Hours: Mon [illegible] am – 4 pm.
[illegible]URE HOUSE GALLERY *3rd floor, 10215-112 St., 426-4180* — **Until May 21**: *Consumptuous*: works by Shelley Miller **Front room gallery Until May 21**: *A Concession to Obsession*: works by Ashley Andel. Info: harcourt@telusplanet.net or 426-4180.
HUMAN ECOLOGY BLDG *U of A, 89 Ave & 116 St.* — **Until Sep 16** *Rewind*: An exhibit on the Windsor Park Community by U of A students.
JOHNSON GALLERY *7711-85 St., 465-6171* — **May** Showing works by Marilyn Rife, Wendy Risdale, Shirley Thomas, Don Sharpe, Val Dunn, Joyce Boyer, Pewter Art by Raymond Cox, Masks by Richard St. Amant, Clay & Wood Plaques by Shaz, Sculptures by Kay Wilson, Pottery by Jim Speers. Hours: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5:30 pm, Sat 10 am – 5 pm. www.johnsongallery.ca
LANDO GALLERY *11130-105 Ave., 990-1161* — **Until May 11:** *Extraordinary Journey*, paintings by Barbara McGivern. Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am – 5:30 pm & Sat, 10 am – 4:30 pm. Sun by appointment. Visit www.landogallery.com for info.
LATITUDE 53 *10248-106 St., 423-5353* — **Until May 7**: *The AlbertA Wildlife Show*: works by Tom Bagley, Penny Buckner, Paul James Coutts, Fish Grwkowsky, Dara Hunnisksi, Colleen Langford, Tandie McLeod & Ted Wright. Info: www.latitude53.org
LITTLE CHURCH GALLERY *455 King St., Spruce Grove., 962-0664* — **Until May 28** *Highschool Art Exhibition* Opening Reception May 5, 7 pm – 10 pm
MELTING POT *10351-82 Ave.* — **May** *NAIT Photography Month*
MCMULLEN GALLERY *8440-112 St., 407-7152* — Hours: Mon – Fri, 10 am – 8 pm; Sat & Sun, 1 – 8 pm. Admission: Free.
MODERN EYES GALLERY & GIFT *Downtown (in the same building as Ric's Grill) St. Albert, 459-9102* — Carrying works by painters Graham Flatt, Ian Sheldon, Georgia Graham, Lorraine Oberg, sculptures by Roy Leadbeater, Delayne Corbett, and Fred Oberg; Maggie Walt Jewelry; Antique furniture, Kitras glass, Mogador, Sealed with a Kiss 10% off. Open edition framed prints up to 40% off. Hours: Tues - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm.
MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC ART GALLERY *5411-51 St., Stony Plain* — **May 8 – 31**:*Proximity* New Works by Noni Boyle. Opening reception, **May 8**, 1 pm – 3:30 pm. Hours: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am – 6:30 pm. Info: 963-2777.
MURUNGO GALLERY *10614-124 St.* — Info: www.murungogallery.ca
MUSÉE HÉRITAGE MUSEUM *5 St. Anne St., St. Albert, 459-1528* — Hours: Mon - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm; & Sun, 1 - 5 pm. Admission: Suggested donation of $2
MUTTART CONSERVATORY *9626-96A St.* — **Until May 20**: Works by students of Alanna Marie.
NINA HAGGERTY CENTRE *9702-111 Ave., 474-7611* — Info: 474-7611.
THE ODYSSIUM (*AKA Edmonton's Space & Science Centre) 11211-142 St., 451-3344* — Permanent Exhibits: *The Body Fantastic, Mystery Avenue, The Greens' House, Space Place Discoveryland & DinoDen* in the Explorer Gallery. Syncrude Science Stage. Science Demos – Cryogenics. Electricity, What Puts The Fizz in Soda Pop? Info. 451-3344, www.odyssium.com
ORTONA GALLERY *9722-102 St., 439-6943* — Hours: Sat & Sun, 12 – 5 pm
PICTURE THIS *959 Ordze Rd. Sherwood Park on Wye Road. 467 3038* — **May 5 - 28**: *Masterpieces in Miniature*; Originals by Joan Healey, Gregg Johnson, Eleanor Cleland and Bern Will Brown, metal sculpture by Rogelio Menz. Info. www.picturethisgallery.com
P.I.T.S. GALLERY *10340-102 Ave. Lower level* — Hours: Tue – Sat 10 am – 5 30 pm
PROFILES PUBLIC ART GALLERY *19 Perron St., St Albert, 460-4310* — **May 5 – June 4** *High Energy X*, **Thu May 5** 6 pm – 9 pm. Opening Reception and Art Walk. Hours: Tue – Sat, 10 am – 5 pm Thu, 10 am – 8 pm
RED STRAP MARKET *10305-97 St., 497-2211* — **May 12 – June 12**: *Pre-Solstice Celebration* Featuring over 70 artists & artisans. Hours. Tue – Sun. 11 am – 5 pm
ROWLES & COMPANY *10130-103 St. 426-4035* — Glass art by Mark Gibeau, Jennifer Jacoby & Darren Petersen. Metal work by Rogelio Menz & Lynn Gratz. Ceramics by Diane Sullivan. Paintings by Audrey Planmuller & Elaine Tweedy. Hotel MacDonald. Acrylics by Steve Mitts. Scotia Place Group show. Hours. Weekdays, 9 am - 5 pm; Sat Noon - 5 pm
RUCKUS ON WHYTE *10351-82 Ave., 432-0911* — Featuring works by local artists. Hours: Weekdays 12 – 7 pm, Sat, 12 – 6 pm
SCOTT GALLERY *10411-124 St., 488-3619* — **Until May 10** *Echoes in Wind, Ireland*: new works by Wendy Wacko. **May 14 – 31** *Retrospective* The Life and Work of George Weber. Openin Reception **Sat, May 14**, 2 pm – 4 pm. Hours: Tues - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm. E-mail. info@scottgallery.com or www.scottgallery.com
SERENDIPITY GALLERY *9860-90 Ave., 433-0388* — New oils by Rhonda Harder-Epp, watercolours by Friedrich Pater R.C.A., ceramic masks by Maunce Lwambwa-Tshang, collages by Sylvia Grist and new ceramics by Debra Demers-Bryan
SNAP GALLERY *Society of Northern Alberta Print Artists, 10309-97 St., 423-1492* — **May 5 – June 11**: *Misprint* by Canadian printartist, Patrick Mahon. Hours. Tues - Sat, Noon - 5 pm. Info. snap@snaprtists.com
SNOWBIRD GALLERY *West Edmonton Mall, 444-1024* — Every **Sat**, 1 - 3 pm features an artist painting in the courtyard. Works by Earl Cummins, Kari Duke, Jean Peters, Jim Vest, Ken Brown, Don Sharpe, Yardley Jones and more. Jewelry by Honicka, glass by Lil Cadman, pottery by Nuboro Kubo and Donna Shymko.
STANLEY A. MILNER LIBRARY *Main Foyer* — **Until May 31**. *3D Collages* by Thaneah. Found in the lower level
STUDIO GALLERY *143 Grandin Park Plaza, St Albert, 460-5990* —Hours: Tues - Fri, 10 am - 5 pm; Sat, 10 am - 4 pm. By appointment. 460-5990.
TELUS CENTRE *U of A Campus* — Hours: Mon – Fri, 7:30 am – 6 pm, Sat: 1 – 4 pm
TU GALLERY *10718-124 St., 452-9662* —
URBAN ROOTS *10143-82 Ave.* — **Until Jun 14** *Theo's Saloon*: works by Tony Baker & Tim Rechner
THE VAAA GALLERY *3rd Floor, 10215-112 St., 421-1731* — **Until May 21** Painted Passions: works by four Calgary artists. Info: visartaa@telusplanet.net
VANDERLEELIE GALLERY *10183-112 St., 452-0286* — **Until May 17**: Works by Susana Espinoza & Chris Carbone. Hours: Tues – Sat 10am – 5.30pm
VISION IMAGES GALLERY *14224-Stony Plain Road.*, —
WALTERDALE PLAYHOUSE 10322-83 Ave. —
WEST END GALLERY *12308 Jasper Ave., 488-4892* —
WILDWOOD GALLERY *5410-50 St Wildwood, 325-3904* — Features an eclectic collection of unique original works in metal, wood & clay. Hours: 11 am – 5 pm daily
WORKS GALLERY *10155 Jasper Ave., Main Floor* — **Until May 7**: *Artists Unite. Workers' Art Show.* Fifteen artists working in various mediums. Info: 426-2122 or www.theworks.ab.ca
[illegible] GALLERY & SERIGRAPHY
FRAMING *9860-90 Ave., 433-0388* — *Anahuacalli Mexican Jewelry and Art* Works by Canadian and Mexican artists and artisans. Hours: Tues & Wed, 10 am - 6 pm; Thu & Fri, 10 am - 8 pm, Sat, Noon - 8 pm; Sun & Mon, Noon - 5 pm
ZOCALO *10826-95 St., 428-0754* — Hours: Mon-Wed, 9 am – 6 pm, Thu – Fri, 9 am – 9 pm, Sun, 12 –5 pm

DANCE

DANCE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE — 2nd & 4th **Mon** of each month, 7:30 pm. *Riverdale Hall, 9231-100 Ave.* Info: Call 467-1285
RODA DE CAPOEIRA —Every **Sat**, 3 – 4 pm, *Capoeira Academy, 10540 Jasper Ave., 709-3500* A free performance of a Brazilian mix of dance, martial arts & music, invented by African slaves. Info: www.capoeiraedmonton.ca
SATURDAY NIGHT SALSA — **May 14 & 28, Jun 11 & 25**, 8 pm, Alex Taylor Gym (9321 Jasper Ave.) Beginner lessons taught by Salsaddiction Dance. Admission $5.

QUEER

INSIDE/OUT *U of A Campus* — A campus-based organization for LGBTQ faculty, graduates academic & staff. Straight allies are also welcome. Monthly meetings. Contact kwells@ualberta.ca or mwonham@ualberta.ca
PRIDE CENTRE *10010-109 St., 488-3234* — Free GLBTQ drop in counseling by chartered Psychologist and social workers. Call 488-3234 or visit www.pridecentreofedmonton.org
TENNIS ANYONE? — Weekly Gay & Lesbian recreational / competitive tennis group. If interested contact Jennifer 432-2023 or Greg 919-0192
TRANSAWARENESS WEEK — **Until May 7** Unitarian Church (10804-119 St.) TG info fair, film fest. Guest speakers & more. Admission free. Visit www.egale.ca/TransWeek.htm for info

THURSDAY

BI-SEXUAL WOMEN'S COFFEE GROUP — Second Thu each month 7:30pm. A social group for bi-curious and bi-sexual women. More info: bwcoffee group@yahoo.ca
GAYWIRE *CJSR 88.5* — 6 pm. Edmonton's only radio show about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered lives. Featuring news, local and international features and community events
ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB *#45, 9912-106 St* — Second Thu of each month. A social/support group for cross-dressers, transsexuals & other transgendered individuals. Info: 964-8399 or illusions4242@yahoo.com
MAKING WAVES SWIMMING CLUB Recreational and competitive swimming with coaching. Beginners encouraged to participate. Practices every Tue & Thu. Socializing after practice. Info: http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm

SATURDAY

AGAPE *Education faculty, U of A Campus* — Focus group on sex and gender differences in education & culture. Pre-service & practicing teachers, as well as community members welcome. Email andre.grace@ualberta.ca for Agape events schedule
MADELLEINE SANAM FOUNDATION *Faculté Saint-Jean 8406-91 St Room 3-18* — Every third and fourth Sat of the month, 9 am – 5 pm. An organization for the emancipation and autonomy of African Women through programs on economy, community radio and community health. Offers training on HIV-AIDS prevention, treatment and harm reduction in French, English and other African languages. Admission free for members, membership $10. Call 490-7332 to register
NORTHERN CHAPS *Buddy's Night Club* — Edmonton's original leather-latex-fetish-uniform club meets the first and third Sat of every month. Info: main@northernchaps.com Website www.northernchaps.com
NORTHERN TITANS GLBT BOWLING LEAGUE *Gateway Lanes & Recreation Centre, #100, 3414 Gateway Blvd. N* — 5 - 7 pm. group supper each week after bowling (optional). Cost is $15 per person. Info: Peter 483-1075
YOUTH UNDERSTANDING YOUTH *#45, 9912-106 St.* — Every Sat, 7 - 9 pm: Providing a warm and friendly place where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, straight and questioning youth under the age of 25, can gather together to have fun and learn about themselves and others in a safe, supportive and caring environment. Info. http://members.shaw.ca/yuy

SUNDAY

ALBERTA P-FLAG FAITH SOCIETY *Christ Church, 12116 102 Ave.* — 2 pm. Meets the last Sun of every month. Family and friends from every background, faith and culture are welcome
ARCTIC FROMTRUNNERS — 11 am. A group of gay and lesbian runners meets Sun mornings and hits the river valley trails. Runners of all speeds are welcome. Our runs are typically 7 — 10 km long and take 40 — 60 minutes. Info: 436-7892
LAMBDA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH *Gameau United Church, 11148 84 Ave.* — Lambda provides a safe and healing space for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, heterosexual Christians & their friends. All denominations, faiths welcome. Worship at 7 pm, Sun. Info: 887-8611 or lambdachurch@shaw.ca
MEN TALKING WITH PRIDE *10010-109 St* — A safe, supportive & confidential discussion group focusing on all gay related issues. For men at any stage of coming out. Free meeting every Sun, 7 pm. Call: 488-3234 or talkingwithpride@hotmail.com
[illegible] *10740 19 Ave.* — 10 am. Welcomes people of all sexual orientations. Info: 987-4974
SPIRITUAL LIVING CENTRE — Celebrating and embracing the spiritual magnificence in all. www.spirituallivingcentre.com, 989-3752

MONDAY

[illegible] LEAGUE The [illegible] season is now finished but will start up again in Sept. The group still meets on a monthly basis for social/sports. Info: cwbyteddy@shaw.ca or 918-4295

TUESDAY

EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION — Join us on the second Tues of every month for drinks, munchies & conversation. For info call 422-6207
FREEDOM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF EDMONTON *10086 MacDonald Dr* — 7 15 pm. A church for all people. Info: 429 7321
GROUP MOVIE NIGHT Phone to find out what movie, when to meet and where. Join us for coffee afterwards. Info. Cost: Free for 2 members plus theatre costs. Info: 454-0313
MAKING WAVES SWIMMING CLUB Recreational and competitive swimming with coaching. Beginners encouraged to participate. Practices every Tue & Thu. Socialization after practices. Info: http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm
DUTREACH *Heritage Room, Athabasca Hall, U of A Campus* — 5 pm. U of A based group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight but friendly students, staff and faculty. (Open to the community, not just U of A) Info: www.ualberta.ca/~outreach, outreach@ualberta.ca
PFLAG/T *#45, 9912 106 St* — 7:30 pm. Support meeting every third Tues of the month for parents, families and friends of lesbians and gays and transgendered people. Info: 462-5958 or 1-877-882-2011 ext 2043
TRANSSEXUAL/TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP *Gameau United Church meeting room, 11148 84 Ave.* — 7:30 — 9:30 pm. Last Tue of every month. True Spirit North: an education & support group for trans-identified & questioning people. Info: 405 4134 or email truespiritnorth@shaw.ca

WEDNESDAY

BISEXUAL PRIDE *Pride Centre* — 7 pm. A social and support group that meets on the last Wed of every month. Friendly and accepting. Info: 488-[illegible]
FREE-TO-BE VOLLEYBALL *Oliver School, 10227-118 St.* — Until May. 7:30 pm. Recreational and competitive play for all ages and abilities. For more info: email Chris Evans@[illegible]ualberta.ca or [illegible]
GMOC — Gay Men's Outreach Crew. Every Wed, 7 – 10 pm. Coming-out workshops, self-acceptance, health, call 488-0564 or gmoc@interbaun.com for info
YOURS, MINE, OURS AND US (YMOU) — A support group for LGBT parents, partners and their friends. Meets first and third Wed of the month. Info. 426-6311 or 415-5434

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DOWN UNDER *12224 Jasper Ave., 482-7960 www.davedmonton.com*
STEAMERS *9668 Jasper Ave., 422-2581*
STEAMWORKS *11745-Jasper Ave.* — Open 24/7. Info. 451-5554

THEATRE

AN EVENING OF ONE ACTS *Waterdale Playhouse 10322-83 Ave* — **May 9 – 14**, 8 pm. 3 exciting plays chosen from 24 new play ideas. All 3 plays will be presented each night. Tickets $5 from TIX
BECOMING SHARP *Varscona Theatre, 10329-83 Ave.* — **Until May 8, Tue – Sat**, 8 pm, matinee **Sat & Sun**, 2 pm. Shadow Theatre presents a comic thriller by David Belke. Three ambitious women are consumed by a battle of wits & literary identity. Tickets $8 - $20 from TIX
BLUE'S CLUES LIVE! *Rexall Place* — **May 21**, 11 am & 2 pm. Nickelodeon, Clear Channel Entertainment and Jeff Parry Promotions have teamed up to bring *Blue's Clues Live!* to the stage. Tickets $22.50 - $33 from TM
DIE-NASTY *Varscona Theatre, 10329-83 Ave.* — **Every Mon** through May 30, 8 pm. The 14th season of Edmonton's live improvised soap-opera is set in the Middle Ages, a time when love was courtly, desire was sinful and hygiene was suspect at best. This year, Die-Nasty gets Medieval. Tickets $7 - $10 at the door. Info: 433-3399 Box #4
HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING *Westbury Theatre (Trans Alta Barns), 10330-84 Ave.* — **May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21**, 7:30 pm, **May 15**, 2 pm. Presented by ELOPE Musical Theatre. The book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock & Willie Gilbert is brought to life with music & lyrics by Frank Loesser. Tickets $20 adults, $15 students/seniors from TIX
MERRY GO ROUND *Jekyll & Hyde Pub, 10610-100 Ave.* — **May 5 – 15**, Tue – Sat, 8 pm, matinee Sun, 2 pm, no show Mon. Sound & Fury Theatre is all set up to present the sexiest theatrical experiment

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Sound & Fury Theatre
May 5 to 15
Vincea McClelland
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Uptown Folk Club
Friday May 6
Fred Eaglesmith with the Flying Squirrel Review
Earthtones Concert Company
Friday, May 6
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LISTINGS

of the season. A smart, funny, brutal, sad, bittersweet ode to sex, love, lust and seduction. Tickets $14 adults. $12 students/seniors from TIX

PORGY & BESS *Winspear Centre* — **May 6**, 8 pm **May 8** 2 pm. Edmonton Opera presents Gershwin's masterpiece of jealousy, passion & dignity. Feat Marquita Lister & the ESO. Tickets available by call info 429-1000

WATER'S DAUGHTER *Northern Light Theatre 11516-103 St* — **May 13 - 22**, 8 pm matinee **Sun** 2 pm. Based on the true story of the 1629 ship wreck of the Batavia. Tickets $20 opening night $14 [illegible]

MEETINGS

ADHD SUPPORT *Glenrose Hospital, 10230-111 Ave* — Every first & third **Tue**. TADA/CH.A.D.D hosts an adult support meeting for attentional disorders. Info 406-5212

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE — Non profit organization that offers effective public speaking courses. Deal with nervousness, develop effective speaking skills, and explore leadership potential [illegible]

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING — **Wed. May 11**, 7 pm, Woodvale Community League (4540-50 St. on Millwoods Golf Course). To discuss proposed changes for lands located east of 50 St [illegible]

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING — **Thu May 5**, 7 pm. Riverdale Ermentary School (8901 101 Ave.) To discuss the proposed change for lands located south of 101 Ave & west of 87 St

CRANKPOTS *Crankpots ceramic studio 10702-82 Ave. 414-1005* — "Happy Hour" free painting workshops **Mon – Thu**, 10 am – 2 pm

CSS WORKSHOPS *Catholic Social Services offices*

Call 420-6081 for info & registration

ENTHUSIASTIC SENIORS TOASTMASTERS *11113-113 St* — **First & Third Tue** of each month, 1.30pm. Become an effective and relaxed speaker [illegible]

FAVA WORKSHOP *Ortona Armoury, 9722-102 St., 429-1671* — **Every Mon**, 7 - 10 pm. Monday Night Club: screenwriters, directors & actors workshop a scene for camera. Call 429-1671 or visit FAVA.ca

NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CLUB *11150-82 St* — **Every Thu** 6 - 10pm. Develop better speaking and presentation skills, build strong leadership abilities, learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking. Info: 456-3934

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED NETWORKING GROUP *Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, #600 10123-99 St* — **Every Fri**, 6 45 – 8.30 am. Develop new business relationships and hear keynote speaker Terry Schleirs. Admission $2, everyone welcome. Info 426-4620

THE OUTSIDERS SUPPORT GROUP — **Every Wed**, 7 - 8:30 pm. A support group for families and friends of loved ones who are incarcerated or on parole. Providing emotional support, info and a place to share. Info: 471-1122

PARAGON TOASTMASTERS CLUB — **Every Thu**, noon – 1 pm. Improve your listening, thinking & speaking skills. Downtown location. Info: 431-2345 [illegible]

SCREENWRITERS CIRCLE *Fava Site, 429-1671* — First **Tue** of every month, 7 30 pm. Established & budding screenwriters discuss craft & share works-in-progress. Call 429-1671 or visit FAVA.ca

UPWARD BOUND TOASTMASTERS *10025-106 St 10th floor* — Every **Wed**, 7 pm. Improve your public speaking skills. Info: 477-2613 www.ecn.ab.ca

WEST END TOASTMASTER CLUB "COMMUNICATORS"

LEADERSHIP" *10451-170 St., 2nd Floor Boardroom* — **Every Tue**, 7 - 9 pm. Communication involves listening skills, giving appropriate feedback and public speaking. Join the friendly environment of personal progress and mutual support during two-hour weekly meetings. Info 973-4011 ext [illegible]

[illegible] MS PEOPLE SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUP *Knox Metropolitan United Church, 8307-109 St.* — Every third Thu of the month the Edmonton Chapter of the MS Society is offering a support group for people in their 20s and 30s who have MS and for their family & friends. Info 471-[illegible]

[illegible] ANTI-RACISM PROJECT [illegible] *Education North 4-104* — A social justice group that presents anti-racism workshops to various audiences. Free meeting every **Tue**, 6 pm

ALT CINEMA

EDMONTON FILM SOCIETY *Provincial Museum* [illegible] **Thu – Mon** [illegible] 7 pm [illegible] Paul Douglas. Admission $5 general, $4 students/seniors, $2 kids 12 & under. Info 439-[illegible]

METRO CINEMA *Paramount Cineplex Theatre 9828-* [illegible] **Thu – Mon** [illegible] 7 pm [illegible] Paul Douglas. Admission $5 general, $4 students/seniors, $2 kids 12 & under. Info 439-[illegible]

MEIRO CINEMA *Paramount Cineplex Theatre 9828-* [illegible] **Thu – Mon** [illegible] 7 pm [illegible] Paul Douglas. Admission $5 general, $4 students/seniors, $2 kids 12 & under. Info 439-[illegible]

ary artist by night. Darger's 15,000 page novel details the exploits of the Vivian Girls, seven angelic sisters who lead a rebellion against godless, child-enslaving men. Featuring the voices of Dakota Fanning and Larry Pine, the music of Emmy-winning composer Jeff Beal and the work of a team of animators, this wholly original film tells the story of [illegible]

Thu, 9 pm. *My Architect*. *My Architect* is a tale of love and art, betrayal and forgiveness in which the illegitimate son of a legendary architect, Louis Kahn, undertakes a five-year, worldwide exploration to understand his long-dead father. Louis I. Kahn, who died in 1974, is considered by many architectural historians to have been the most important architect of the second half of the twentieth century. A Jewish immigrant who overcame poverty and the effects of a devastating childhood accident, Kahn created a handful of intensely powerful and spiritual buildings – geometric compositions of brick, concrete and light. The riveting narrative leads us from the subterranean corridors of Penn Station to the roiling streets of Bangladesh (where Kahn built the astonishing Capital), and from the coast of New England to the inner sanctums of Jerusalem poli-[illegible]

Fri – Mon, 8:30 pm. *Gloomy Sunday*. A cult film for adults, *Gloomy Sunday* has slowly yet surely enraptured audiences around the globe since its initial theatrical release in Germany in 1999. *Gloomy Sunday* finally was picked up for North American distribution in 2003 and has played non-stop at one Chicago theatre ever since (it played for 80 straight weeks at a theatre in Auckland, New Zealand). The film takes place in Budapest in the thirties. Restaurant owner, Laszlo, hires a pianist, Andras, to play in his restaurant. Both men fall in love with the beautiful waitress Ilona who inspires András to his only composition: Gloomy Sunday. It is at first loved and then feared, for its melancholic melody triggers off a chain of suicides. The fragile balance of the erotic ménage à trois is sent off kilter when the German Hans falls in love with Ilona as well. Admission: $8, $6 students/seniors: Info www.metrocinema.org

THE ODYSSIUM *(AKA Edmonton's Space & Science Centre) 11211-142 St., 451-3344* — Imax Theatre *Forces of Nature* Takes you as close as you dare to some of earth's most violent natural disasters, from earthquakes to volcanoes & tornadoes. *Top Speed* Using a combination of innovative LF cinematography, special effects, and computer-animated imagery, *Top Speed* is a dynamic montage of awe-inspiring individual performances and new technologies that graphically illustrate the science of speed. *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure* Tells the story of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's now legendary 1914 - 1916 British Imperial Trans-Atlantic Expedition. *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees, Bears, The Human Body, Amazon, Storm Chasers, Beavers & Magic of Flight*: Margaret Zeidler Star Theatre: *Climate Change, Dance of Light, Alberta Skies II, Laser Colours of the World, In My Backyard, Star Wonders, Sky Science & Laser Rock*. Info & showtimes: 451-3344, www.odyssium.com.

STANLEY MILNER LIBRARY THEATRE *7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, 496-7070* — **Wed**, **May 11**, 7 pm, *Morlang*,This chilly mystery moves back and forth from past to present, from an Irish country retreat to the art galleries of the continent, slowly revealing the unsettling truth.

EVENTS

1ST ANNUAL SAIF WOMEN'S SHOW — **Sat**, **May 7**, Salvation Army Community Centre (165 Liberton Dr., St. Albert) A day of fashion shows, entertainment, health information, shopping and makeovers. Tickets $5 in advance call 460-2195

10TH ANNUAL ESQUAO AWARDS GALA — **Thu**, **May 5**, Northlands Agricom. Hosted by The Institute for the advancement of Aboriginal Women. Tickets and info call 479-8195 or go to [illegible]

14TH ANNUAL GREAT HUMAN RACE — **Sat**, **May 7**, Butterdome (U of A), 3 km walk or an 8 km competitive run. Visit www.greathumanrace.com for complete info

ASAIN INSPIRATION VARIETY SHOW — **Sat**, **May 7**, 1 pm, Stanley Milner Library (7 Sir Winston Churchill Square) In Celebration of Edmonton's 8th Asian Heritage month w/ music, dance, singing, tea sampling & art display. Free Addmission, donations [illegible]

BOB THE BUILDER – LIVE! — **Thu**, **May 5**, 1 pm, **Fri May 6**, 1 pm & 3:30 pm. **Sat**, **May 7**, 11:30 am & 1:30 pm. **Sun**, **May 8** 1 pm & 3:30 pm, Londonderry Mall. Free Admission

BOOKS BAKING & BARGAINS SALE — **Sat**, **May 7**, 9 am – 2 pm, St. George's Anglican Church (11733-87 Ave.) Choose from hundreds of quality used books, delicious baking and household treasures. Proceeds to be used for refugee projects. Free [illegible]

[illegible] & CHOICES – YOUTH IN TRANSITION CONFERENCE — **Sat**, **May 7**, 9 am – 5:30 pm, Faculte St. Jean. Open and inclusive to young people [illegible] snacks & entertainment included. Tickets $[illegible] call 496-6295

CHILDREN'S MUSIC BENEFIT CONCERT — **Sat**, **May 6**, 7:30 pm, Winston Stage (315 Jasperson Ave., Spruce Grove). A fundraiser evening to raise funds to promote musical opportunities for youth within the community. Featuring a variety of outstanding performers. Tickets $16 from TM

EDMONTON STREET NEWS FUNDRAISING VARIETY SHOW — **Fri**, **May 6**, 7 pm, Centennial Library Theatre (7 Sir Winston Churchill Square) Tickets $5 or 2 for $7 at the door or at LightHouse Mission (10339-95 St.)

WAL-MART NATIONAL DAY OF GREETING — **Sun**, **May 7**, 11 am, Clairview Wal-Mart (13703 40 St.) Complimentary BBQ

MOTHER'S DAY — **Sun**, **May 8**, Grub Med Greek Ristorante (17 Fairway Dr. – 119 St. & 37 Ave.) Special dinner menu. Tickets $19.95. Reservations [illegible]

RAIC FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE — **Until May 7**. Annual conference includes continuing professional development courses, study tours, a trade show, exhibitions of architectural work, art work and a number of social and architectural tours of Edmonton attractions. For more info go to www.raicfestival2005.ca

THE RISE AWARDS — **Thu**, **May 5**, 6:30 pm, doors at 5:45 pm, The Palace Banquet & Conference Facility (3112 Parsons Rd.) Includes dinner, entertainment, awards presentation & silent auction. Tickets $75. Call 424-7709

SMALL ACT, BIG IMPACT! — **Fri**, **May 6**, noon – 10 pm, City Arts Centre (10943-84 Ave.) Part of TransFair's National Fair Trade Weeks 2005. Admission by donation

MUSEUMS

ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM *11410-Kingsway Ave., 451-1175* — Display of Edmonton's bush pilots, W.W. II double-wide, double-long hangar. Hours: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm.

CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES *10440-108 Ave., 496-8710* — More than 50,000 catalogued photographs and slides from the 1880s to the present. Two display galleries. Free admission. Hours. Weekdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

JOHN WALTER MUSEUM *496-8787* — Admission is free, donations gladly accepted. Info: www.edmonton.ca/johnwalter

LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT MILITARY MUSEUM *118, Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440 108 Ave.* — Current exhibition: *The Battle of Ortona, Dec 1943*. Displaying artifacts, photographs, documents, and texts on one of Canada's most important battles of World War II. Hours, Weekdays, 10 am - 4 pm.

MUSÉE HÉRITAGE MUSEUM *5 St. Anne St., St. Albert, 459-1528* — Hours. Mon - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm; & Sun, 1 - 5 pm. Admission: Suggested donation of $2. Info and registration: 459-1528.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA *12845-102 Ave., 453-9100* — **Wild Alberta**: Urban ecology, scavengers. **Permanent Exhibitions**: *The Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture* traces the extraordinary history of Alberta's Aboriginal peoples from the end of the Ice Age to the present day. *The Bug Room*: examine giant walking sticks, crawling cockroaches, stinging scorpions and tarantulas the size of dinner plates—live and up close! *The Natural History Gallery*: explore some of the extraordinary changes the Alberta region has experienced, and see how these changes were written in the rocks. Info: 459-9100. Hours: Mon – Sun, 9 am - 5 pm. Ticket prices & Info: www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca

TELEPHONE MUSEUM *Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre 10444-108 Ave., 433-1010* — Hours: Tue – Fri, 10 am – 3 pm. Admission by donation.

KIDS

ADVENTURE SUNDAYS *John Janzen Nature Centre, Fox Dr. & Whitemud Dr.* — Every **Sun** 11 am - 4 pm join a naturalist and explore a new theme with your family. Each weekend features hands on activities that promote musical opportunities for youth within the community. Featuring a variety of outstanding performers. Tickets $16 from TM

ARMY CADET RECRUITMENT *Progressive Academy, 13212-106 Ave* — Every **Wed** 6:30 - 9 pm. Free sports, activities, camping, climbing and orienteering. For more [illegible] Doug 483-7985 or Jason 473-4500

ART-VENTURES *Profiles Public Art [illegible] Perron St, St Albert, 460-4310* — Every [illegible] - 4 pm. Drop-in to the gallery and discover how much fun art can be. Children, age[illegible] Suggested donation per child is $2 [illegible] required to stay with their children

CAPOEIRA KIDS CLASSES *10540 Ja[illegible] 3500* — Every **Tue** & **Thu**, 4:30 – 5[illegible] 2 pm. Capoeira is a Brazilian mix of [illegible] arts & percussion. Info: www.caeira.[illegible]

KIDS KARATE *Grandin School, 986-[illegible]* Every **Tue** & **Fri**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Cla[illegible] aged 10 & up. Info: 975-6910 or 460[illegible]

KOZMANIA *Red Strap Market, 1030[illegible]* Every **Sat**, 1 pm. Build you own spa[illegible] Free metal workshop for kids. Info [illegible]

MOTHER NATURE *Valley Zoo, 133[illegible] Rd.* — **Sun**, **May 8**, 12 pm – 4 pm [illegible] Storytelling, Kids Craftworks, Pot a Plan[illegible] Zoo Hours: 9:30 am – 6 pm, for info [illegible]

SNAPPY SATURDAY *SNAP Gallery 10[illegible] 423-1492* — Last **Sat** of each month [illegible] their families are invited to join in var[illegible] and artistic crafts. Program designed [illegible] ages 4 – 12. **Until May 7**: Designer D[illegible] T's: introduction to fibre-based print[illegible]

"START" PARENT & PRESCHOOL PROGRAM *Profiles Public Art Gallery, 19 Perro[illegible]* — Every **Tues** & **Thu**, 1:30 - 2:30 pm [illegible] program, which offers children ages [illegible] parents/caregivers fun opportunities to [illegible] and elements of art for learning and skill develo[illegible] ment. $5 per child (caregivers free). To pre-[illegible] call 460-4310.

YOUTH DROP-IN CENTRE *Castle Downs YMCA 11510-153 Ave, 476-9622* — Every Fri, 7 - 1[illegible] Basketball, air hockey, foosball, swimming & [illegible] gym. Call Trent, 476-9622 for info

YOUTH VENTURES *Profiles Gallery [illegible] Tue – Thu*, 1 – 5 pm. Zine drop-in [illegible] alternative to mainstream press. Youth [illegible] invited to attend. Every **Sat**: Come share your [illegible] make cool art & get creative. Every week[illegible] Profiles offers unique art projects for teens. [illegible] 460-4310

ACTIVISM

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL *Knox Metropolitan Church, (83 Ave Entrance) 8307-109 St* — [illegible] welcome. Call 462-1871 for info

ANARCHIST READING CIRCLE DISCUSSION GROUP *Fine Arts Building, lounge at bottom of stairway, U of A Campus, 114 St. & 89 A* [illegible] Every **Sun**, 4 pm: Meet for critical discu[illegible] assigned anarchist readings, the theory and p[illegible] of anarchism and current international and lo[illegible] events. Current readings available at www.c[illegible] smith.com/~arc.

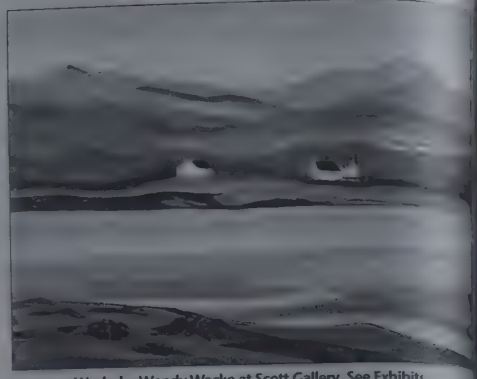
COUNCIL OF CANADIANS *Sacred Heart Sch[illegible] 9624-108 Ave.* — An independent, public int[illegible] organization that works to promote economic [illegible] tice, renew democracy and assert Canadian [illegible] Sovereignty. Info: 429-4500

ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECT ACTION NETWO[illegible] *6328A-104 St.*— Environmental activist and [illegible] education group. Weekly meetings every Thu [illegible] pm. Special monthly meeting every third Th[illegible] pm at Organic Roots (8225-122 St.) Admis[illegible] free. All are welcome. Info: 440-0542

EDMONTON SMALL PRESS ASSOCIATION [illegible] is an activist org, with members from 26 co[illegible] Always seeking socially conscious artists, [illegible] trators, and volunteers. Meetings every third [illegible] 7 pm. Info: 424-9236 or espa2007@[illegible]

UNIVERSITY COALITION AGAINST WAR & [illegible] *Humanities Centre, Rm 1-7 U of A* [illegible] public interest group working in edu[illegible] organizing invites concerned public to [illegible] tion meetings every **Thu**, 4:30 - 6 pm

WOMEN IN BLACK *Strathcona Farmer[illegible] Ave & 103 St* — First & third **Sat** [illegible] 10 - 11 am. An international women [illegible] racism group formed by Jewish & Arab [illegible] 1988 opposes violence in all its form[illegible]



Works by Wendy Wacko at Scott Gallery. See Exhibits

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& children invited to attend a silent vigil. Info:

WOMEN'S LEAGUE *Organic Roots, 8225-112 St.* — ...s International League for Peace & ... meets the first **Wed** of every month at 7 ... All women are welcome. Info: 447-9060.

FILM ANTI RACISM PROJECT *U of A, Education* ... *104* — Every **Tue**, 6 pm: Social justice film presents anti-racism workshops to various audiences. Admission free. Info: 425-4644

HEALTH/ WELLNESS

... *Lululemon, 10544 – 82 Ave.* — Fun & ... weekly activities to get you moving. Visit www.lululemon.com, call 435-9363 or email whyte-community@lululemon.com to register

CSS WORKSHOPS *Catholic Social Services offices* — Call 420-6081 for info

GENTLE YOGA *Radha Yoga Centre 9946-87 Ave.* — Weekly yoga classes **Every Sun** 8-9pm, Satsang (by donation.) Info 432-3363 or www.radha.org

MADELLEINE SANAM FOUNDATION — *Faculté Saint-Jean, 8406-91 St Room 3-18.* Every third and fourth **Sat** of the month, 9 am – 5 pm: An organization for the emancipation and autonomy of African Women through programs on economy, community radio and community health. Offers training on HIV-AIDS prevention, treatment and harm reduction in French, English and other African languages. Admission free for members; membership $10. Call 490-7332 to register

MARTIAL ARTS — *St. Brendan Elementary School, 5825-93a Ave*. Classes offered from small martial arts club. Info 440-0171 or www.justsuadmonton.com

OOH LE LA PILATES — *C'est Sera (12818-52 St.)* **Every Mon**, 9 – 10 am & **Thu**, 6 – 7 pm: Free Pilates workshop. To register call 991-8634

ORGANIC ROOTS WORKSHOPS — All events take place at Organic Roots (8225-112 St.) Info: 413-1730

THE OUTSIDERS SUPPORT GROUP — **Every Wed** 7 - 8:30 pm: A support group for families and friends of loved ones who are incarcerated or on Bparole. Providing emotional support, info and a place to share. Info: 471-1122

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE — *Unity of Edmonton 13212-106 Ave.* Every 3rd **Wed**, 6:30-9pm: Sharing and supporting through self/group chosen activities, such as meditation, stories, music, dancing and laughter

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READING/ LECTURES

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ROBOTS — G
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HOUSE OF WAX — 18A
... 3:30, 7:20, 9:25, daily 1:15, 3:30, 7:20, 9:35

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HOUSE OF WAX — 18A
... 5:50, 10:30. Gory violence

CRASH — 14A
... 8:35, 10:05. Frequent coarse language, mature

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY — PG
... 12:45, 4:15, 6:55, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10

X.X.X.: STATE OF THE UNION — 14A
... 4:10, 5:20, 7:55, 9:40, 10:20

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
... 1:20, 6:40, 7:30, 9:20, 10:15

A LOT LIKE LOVE — PG
... 7:20, 9:55
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THE AMITYVILLE HORROR — 18A
Fri-Thurs 1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10. Gory violence, disturbing content

SAHARA — PG
Fri-Thurs 1:10, 3:50, 7:00, 9:45. Violence

SIN CITY — R
Fri-Sun Mon-Thurs 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50, Sun 1:15, 7:05, 9:50. Gory violence throughout

GUESS WHO — PG
Fri-Thurs 1:40, 7:10. Coarse language

ROBOTS — G
Fri-Thurs 1:45

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KINGDOM OF HEAVEN — 14A
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HOUSE OF WAX — 18A
Fri-Thur 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10. Gory violence

CRASH — 14A
Fri-Thurs 12:50, 3:20, 6:35, 9:10. Frequent coarse language, mature themes

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY — PG
Fri-Thurs 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

X.X.X.: STATE OF THE UNION — 14A
Fri-Thurs 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:15

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Fri-Thurs 12:40, 3:40, 7:10, 10:00.

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Fri-Wed 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:20. Thurs 1:30, 4:30, 10:20. Gory violence, disturbing content

SAHARA — PG
Fri-Thurs 12:45, 3:50, 6:45, 9:35. Violence

SIN CITY — R
Fri-Sat, Mon-Tues, Thurs 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40. Sun 12:30, 6:40, 9:40. Wed 12:30, 3:30, 9:40. Gory violence throughout

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Fri-Thurs 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; Mon-Thurs 4:40, 7:10, 9:50. Frightening scenes

KUNG FU HUSTLE (CANTONESE) — 14A
Fri-Thurs 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50. Violence throughout

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR — 18A
Fri-Sun, Tues-Thurs 2:05, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20. Mon 2:05, 6:20. Gory violence, disturbing content

SIN CITY — R
Fri-Sat, Mon-Thurs 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45. Sun 7:50, 10:45. Gory violence throughout

FEVER PITCH — PG
Fri-Tues 9:45

GUESS WHO — PG
Fri-Thurs 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55. Coarse language

ROBOTS — G
Fri-Thurs 2:45, 4:10

MILLIONS — PG
Fri-Thurs 2:30, 4:30

HITCH — PG
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HOUSE OF WAX — 18A
Daily 1:10, 3:50, 7:10, 10:15. Gory violence

JIMMY GUICK IN LA LA WOOD — 14A
Fri-Sun 1:00, 4:20, 6:30, 9:00. Mon-Thurs 4:20, 6:30, 9:00. Coarse scenes, language

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY — PG
Daily 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30. Mon-Thurs 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

X.X.X.: STATE OF THE UNION — 14A
Fri-Sun 1:45, 4:15, 7:35, 9:45. Mon-Thurs 4:15, 7:35, 9:45

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Fri-Sun 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40. Mon-Thurs 4:00, 6:50, 9:40.

A LOT LIKE LOVE — PG
Daily 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10. Mon-Thurs 4:40, 7:40, 10:10. Sexually suggestive scenes, not recommended for children

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR — 18A
Fri-Sun 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 9:55. Mon-Thurs 4:50, 7:50, 9:55. Gory violence, disturbing content

SAHARA — PG
Fri-Sun 12:40, 3:40, 7:20, 10:00. Mon-Thurs 3:40, 7:20, 10:10. Violence

SIN CITY — R
Fri-Thurs 9:10. Gory violence throughout

ROBOTS — G
Fri-Sun 12:50, 4:10, 6:45. Mon-Thurs 4:10, 6:45

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KINGDOM OF HEAVEN — 14A
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CRASH — 14A
Fri-Thurs 1:00, 3:30, 6:50, 9:20. Frequent coarse language, mature themes

JIMMY GUICK IN LA LA WOOD — 14A
Fri-Thurs 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15. Coarse sexual language

THE YEAR OF YAO — PG
Fri-Thur 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:15

X.X.X.: STATE OF THE UNION — 14A
Fri-Thurs 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:45

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Fri-Thurs 12:40, 3:40, 3:40, 4:40, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30

A LOT LIKE LOVE — PG
Fri-Thurs 1:10, 3:45, 7:10, 9:50. Sexually suggestive scenes, not recommended for children

KUNG FU HUSTLE (CANTONESE) — 14A
Fri-Thurs 3:20, 9:10. Violence throughout

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR — 18A
Fri-Sun, Tues-Thurs 2:05, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20. Mon 2:05, 6:20. Gory violence, disturbing content

SIN CITY — R
Fri-Sat, Mon-Thurs 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45. Sun 7:50, 10:45. Gory violence throughout

FEVER PITCH — PG
Fri-Tues 9:45

GUESS WHO — PG
Fri-Thurs 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55. Coarse language

ROBOTS — G
Fri-Thurs 2:45, 4:10

MILLIONS — PG
Fri-Thurs 2:30, 4:30

HITCH — PG
Fri-Thurs, Tues 6:35, 9:50, 7:15. Wed 1:15. Sexual/coarse language

MONSTER-IN-LAW — PG
Screen Preview Sun 4:20

A LOT LIKE LOVE — PG
Daily 1:10, 3:45, 7:05, 9:40. Sexually suggestive scenes, not recommended for young children

SAHARA — PG
Daily 12:40, 3:55, 7:35, 10:25

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Daily 12:40, 3:55, 7:35, 10:25

AMITYVILLE HORROR — 18A
Daily 1:40, 4:45, 7:45, 10:05. Gory violence, disturbing content

FRANK MILLER'S SIN CITY — R
Fri-Sun, Mon-Thurs 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55. Gory violence throughout

GUESS WHO — PG
Fri-Sun, Mon-Tues, Thurs 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45. Coarse language

MONSTER-IN-LAW — PG
Screen Preview Sun 4:00. Coarse language, not recommended for children

GATEWAY 8
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HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY — PG
Fri-Sun Sat 12:45, 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 7:25, 9:35, 10:00. Mon-Tues, Wed-Thurs 7:25, 7:25, 10:14

SAHARA — PG
Fri Sat Sun 12:30, 1:00, 3:20, 4:00, 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 9:50. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 9:50. Violence.

HOUSE OF WAX — 18A
Fri Sat Sun 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 7:15, 9:55. Gory violence.

HANK WILLIAMS FIRST NATION — PG
Fri Sat Sun 1:10, 3:35, 7:00, 9:30. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 7:00, 9:00

HOSTAGE — 18A
Fri Sat Sun 1:15, 3:50, 6:50, 9:25. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 6:50, 9:25. Gory violence.

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KINGDOM OF HEAVEN — 14A
Fri Sat Sun 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:50. Mon-Tues Wed-Thur 6:45, 9:50.

HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY — PG
Fri Sat Sun 1:30, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 7:10, 9:40

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Fri Sat Sun 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 7:10, 10:00. No passes.

X.X.X.: STATE OF THE UNION — 14A
Fri Sat Sun 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45. Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs 7:15, 9:45

CINEMA CITY
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LEMONY SNICKET'S: SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS — PG
Sat Sun 1:30, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45. Mon-Thurs 7:15, 9:45

MILLION DOLLAR BABY — PG
Sat Sun 10:45, daily 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35. late nite Fri/Sat 12:10. Mature theme, not recommended for young children

THE RING 2 — 14A
Sat Sun 10:45, daily 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 9:55. late nite Fri/Sat 12:05. Frightening scenes

COACH CARTER — PG
Sat Sun 10:45, daily 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45. late nite Fri/Sat 12:15. Coarse language

CONSTANTINE — 14A
Sat Sun 10:45, daily 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50. late nite Fri/Sat 12:30. Violence throughout

THE AVIATOR — PG
Daily 12:55, 4:20, 7:40. late nite Fri/Sat 11:15. Mature content, not recommended for young children

MAN OF THE HOUSE — PG
Sat/Sun 11:25, daily 1:35, 7:30

BE COOL — 14A
Sat/Sun 11:30, daily 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:4. late nite Fri/Sat 12:10. Coarse language

BOOGEYMAN — 14A
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PHANTOM OF THE OPERA — PG
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ARE WE THERE YET? — PG
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MEET THE FOCKERS — 14A
Sat/Sun 11:45, daily 2:05, 4:40, 7:35, 10:00. late nite Fri/Sat 12:20. Crude content, sexual language throughout

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THE RING 2 — 14A
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MILLION DOLLAR BABY — PG
... 3:45, 7:15, 9:45
Mature content, not recommended for young children

COACH CARTER — PG
... 3:45, 7:15, 9:45

CONSTANTINE — 14A
... 3:45, 7:15, 9:45
Violence throughout

THE AVIATOR — PG
Daily 12:50, 4:15, 7:45. late nite Fri/Sat 11:15
Mature content, not suitable for young children

MAN OF THE HOUSE — 14A
Sat/Sun 11:35, daily 1:55, 7:05

BE COOL — 14A
Sat/Sun 11:35, daily 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40. late nite Fri/Sat 12:15
Coarse language

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Frightening scenes, not recommended for children

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KINGDOM OF HEAVEN — 14A
Fri 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30. Sat 10:30, 12:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30. Sun 10:30, 12:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30. Mon-Thurs 4:30, 7:30, 9:30. Gory violence. No passes

HOUSE OF WAX — 18A
Fri 3:00, 7:10, 9:45. Sat Sun 10:20, 3:00, 7:10, 9:45. Mon-Thurs 7:10, 9:45. Gory violence, disturbing content, violence

CRASH — 14A
Fri 3:00, 7:10, 9:45. Sat Sun 10:20, 3:00, 7:10, 9:45. Mon-Thurs 7:10, 9:45. Frequent coarse language, mature theme

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY — PG
Fri 3:00, 7:00, 9:50. Sat Sun 11:40, 3:40, 7:00, 9:50. Mon-Thurs 7:00, 9:50

X.X.X.: STATE OF THE UNION — 14A
Fri 4:00, 7:30, 10:20. Sat Sun 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:20. Mon-Thurs 7:30, 10:20

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Fri 3:10, 7:40, 9:40. Sat Sun 12:30, 3:10, 4:30, 7:40, 9:40. Mon-Thurs 4:30, 7:40, 9:40

THE INTERPRETER — 14A
Fri 3:10, 7:40, 9:40. Thurs 1:00

A LOT LIKE LOVE — PG
Fri 4:..., 7:..., 10:00. Mon-Thurs 7:..., 10:00. Sexually suggestive scenes, not recommended for children

THE AMITYVILLE HORROR — 18A
Fri 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. Mon-Thurs 7:30, 10:30. Gory violence, disturbing content

SAHARA — PG
Fri 3:45, 7:10. Sat Sun 12:10, 3:10, 6:45, 9:30. Mon-Thurs 6:45, 9:30. Violence

SIN CITY — R
Fri Sun 4:30, 9:20. Gory violence throughout

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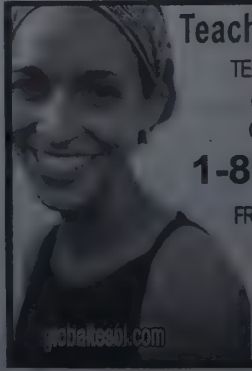

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VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)
[illegible] good, see eye to eye [illegible] Once you're finally and your bickering, you'll realize you're actually [illegible] cause you ain't wastin' your time on a [illegible] wheel. This week, the only way you could possibly fail is if you keep on Cruisin' your tail!

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[illegible] gardener. You're about to make a dang fool [illegible] is [illegible] won't get too far!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)
This week, you'll ramble a wall and wonder if it's worth it to go any further [illegible] with a wheel. Don't mean to say you're sights unbearab[illegible] happen. You're clever enough to find a way around or through, and [illegible] problem, indeed, if you don't let the sentries see you.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)
[illegible] Mind that you can change [illegible] you're feeling [illegible] you're [illegible] but you don't know when to hold 'em, when to fold 'em, when to walk away and when to run!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)
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A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME!
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TAKING A CHANCE
Easygoing, hardworking WF, 25, mother of two, seeks open-minded, understanding WM, 27-34, with goals in life. Must like children. ☎659221

A LOVER, NOT A FIGHTER
Petite SWF, 19, blue-hearted, down-to-earth, sensitive, smart, seeks tall, handsome, strong, sensitive SM, 19-25. ☎662594

TAKE CARE OF ME!
SWF, 44, light smoker, wants to meet a SM, 40-52, who lavishes attention on the one he loves! ☎640403

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Honest, trustworthy WF, 35, N/S, looking for tall SM, 32-48, 5'9"+, who is independent, has morals and values. ☎641846

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Attractive BBW, hardworking, loving, caring, funny and romantic, loves reading, garage sales, do art work, and have many other interests. Seeking kind, honest WM, 30-40. ☎668204

PEOPLE-PERSON
Attractive SWF, 48, N/S, loves long talks over cappuccino, movies, cuddling, fireplaces, mountains, music. Seeking kind, caring, classy woman, 44-58. ☎640828

ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING
Sociable SWF, 51, loves movies, a bottle of wine, camping, long walks, gardening, playing cards. Seeking romantic SM, 45-55. ☎645642

BUSINESS-OWNER
SWF, 22, interested in casual dating and romance with SM, 21-26, who has a sense of humor. ☎647614

LIVES IN THE CITY...
but plans on moving to the country. SWF, 50, N/S, seeks capable, dependable, honest, adaptable, sincere, non-smoking man, 45-60. ☎647578

LIBRARIAN LOOK!
SWF, 28, smoker, knows how to let her hair down! Seeking SM, 28-35, who says what he means. ☎647628

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SWF, 53, enjoys nature, outdoors, fishing, jigsaw puzzles, long talks, music. Searching for easygoing, energetic SM, 50-60. ☎634829

THE ULTIMATE OPTIMIST
Energetic SWF, 52, N/S, seeks well-traveled man, 50-60, with zest for life, who is kind and caring. ☎634911

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
SWF, 24, recently moved to city, an exceptionally nice person, loves to laugh, seeking a SM, 25-31, who is kind, loves animals. ☎601426

PEOPLE PERSON
Fun-loving, easygoing SWF, 18, family-oriented, loves people, being affectionate to the one he loves, seeking SM, 20-25, who is open and romantic. ☎607516

SEEK GREAT RELATIONSHIP
Hard-working SWF, 28, N/S, shy at first until you get to know me, looking for funny, cute WM, 26-33, to spend time with, maybe more. ☎610396

VERY SPONTANEOUS
Honest, hardworking WF, with great sense of humor, adventurous, loves partying sometimes, quiet romantic evening, cooking, read, going for drives. Seeking secure, good man, 30-50. ☎616515

REDHEAD LOVES LIFE
SWF, 53, 5'4", loves life, love, and laughter! Looking for SWM, 18-35, to share life's experiences with! ☎425218

Men Seeking Women

WANTED: VINTAGE MODEL
Cute SWM, 37, loves to laugh, seeks SWF, 40-55, to have fun and share good times. ☎462017

CONSIDERED HANDSOME
SWM, 47, 5'9", blue eyes, average build, Taurus, N/S, nurse, nostalgia buff, seeks woman, 36-50, for friendship, possible romance. ☎593951

TIRE FOR LOVE
SWM, 29, likes watching movies, hockey, biking, golfing, downhill skiing, walking and going to the gym. Seeking SF, 18-35, who likes trying new things. ☎662595

LOOKING FOR A GOOD WOMAN
Easygoing, honest, reliable SWM, 5'10", 45, 180lbs, truck driver, seeks outgoing, fun, open-minded SF to share talks, casual dates, friendship and then who knows? ☎581384

WORLDLY FELLOW
University-educated SWM, 46, 6'2", N/S, has a wonderful smile, is fascinated by the affairs of the world, seeks woman, 34-49, N/S, w/eclectic interests, for LTR. ☎276587

APPLY within!
SWM, 23, N/S, looking for ambitious, somewhat intellectual, moderately conscientious SF, 21-25, with integrity and emotional intelligence. ☎663603

ACTIVE AND EASYGOING
Classical music relaxes this SWM, 74, 5'8", N/S. Seeking intriguing female, 68-75, N/S, to share music, books, honest friendship. ☎278122

SWEET EMOTION
SWM, 29, 5'6", 185lbs, dark/brown, in good shape, Aries, smoker, independent, self-sufficient, works full-time, seeks woman, 20-40, smoker. ☎620190

EASYGOING, LAID-BACK
SWM, 60, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys travel, friends, dining, dancing. Seeking nice, happy lady, 50-60. ☎663613

NOT A BAR FLY
SWM, 54, 6'3", 230lbs, enjoying working out. Seeking fit, like-minded, educated, professional, intelligent woman, 40-50, for possible relationship. No games. ☎483501

TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOU
SWM, 29, smoker, looking for SBF, 22-33, who is cool, has a good personality, sense of humor, and wants to meet someone nice. ☎642508

ATHLETIC AND OUTGOING
SWM, 19, N/S, enjoys outdoors, movies, coffee, walking, running, sports. Seeking SF, 18-22, who likes reading, hanging out. ☎666628

TAKE A CHANCE
Musician SM, 27, self-employed, homosexual, never married, no children, 5'10", 170lbs, fit, enjoys writing/playing music. ISO creative, open, funny, spontaneous SF to share good times. ☎662336

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWM, 46, 5'10", 175lbs, N/S, social drinker, fit, secure, enjoys the outdoors, camping, walks, biking rollerblading, dining outin, movies. ISO SF who enjoys the same. ☎610823

HONEST, HARD-WORKING
Easygoing SWM, 36, N/S, new to Edmonton, would like to meet a sincere lady for companionship. ☎668274

ACTUAL NICE GUY
SWM, 25, brown/brown, N/S, likes sports, cooking, and refereeing ice hockey. Seeking kind, romantic WF, 25-37, children ok. ☎614251

COULD IT BE YOU?
SM, 30, smoker, father, heavy equipment operator, enjoys 4-wheeling, horseback riding, mountains, family, camping, more. Seeking active, fun, child-friendly SF w/same interests for friendship, more. ☎645953

CALL ME
Honest, trustworthy WM, 22, loves the outdoors,camping, hiking, running, biking, sports, concerts, watching movies, listening to music. Seeking fit WF, 18-30, who enjoys the same. ☎659215

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Sincere, kind-hearted WWM, 51, fit, N/S, employed, loves life, golf, fishing in the mountains, playing pool, romance. Seeking attractive, affectionate, kind lady to share happiness. ☎548054

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SWM, 41, Scorpio, N/S, loves movies, travel, sports, seeks honest relationship with a single woman, 26-36, N/S, Cancer or Pisces. ☎666707

HAPPY IN LIFE...
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RETIRED SALESMAN
SWM, 66, 5'8", dark brown/hazel, with excellent SOH, loves dancing, most sports and travel. Seeking attractive lady for relationship. ☎575779

LIVES IN THE COUNTRY
DWM, 50, 6', 200lbs, hazel eyes, Leo, N/S, with 4 children, loves playing hockey, live theatre, barbecues, and playing cards. Seeking woman, 45-55, N/S. ☎546752

COUNTRY AND CAMPING
Interesting SWM, 49, 6', average build, N/S, social drinker, dark blonde/blue, seeks down-to-earth SWF, 37-49, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎620712

VITAMIN YOU
SWM, 46, 6'3", 200lbs, active, N/S, likes rock, blues, politics, world events. Open to other cultures, prefer western-based F, 33-38, music lover, spontaneous, sincere. LTR. ☎531282

Men Seeking Men

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE
SWM, 32, 5'11", 190lbs, slim, good-looking, light-hearted, fun-loving, seeks special person to share quiet times with. Walks, conversation, dining out, movie nights, hiking, all included. ☎588088

EASY TO TALK WITH
GWM, 43, Aquarius, N/S, health care professional, enjoys pets, long walks, outdoor activities, seeks single gentleman, 25-45, with similar interests. ☎567279

HAPPY TO BE HERE
Professional military man, 49, not into head games, enjoys all kinds of sports, oldies music, looking for SM, 60-75, who enjoys being alive. ☎630374

Women Seeking Women

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
SWF, 39, fun, outgoing, attractive, in great shape, Taurus, N/S, enjoys movies and golfing. Seeking very attractive WF, 28-43. ☎580748

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 18, 5'7", 145lbs, bluish-green eyes, dirty blond hair, loves working out. Seeking fun, outgoing, open-minded female, 18-30. ☎640353

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SWF, 20, loves Celtic music, dancing, and life. Seeking honest, caring, loyal, fun, humorous SF, 19-24. ☎634914

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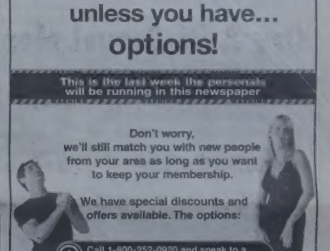

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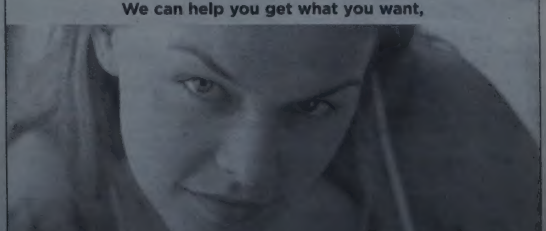


On-line circle Jill

First global Masturbate-A-Thon devoted to our most dependable relationship

SESKA LEE CAN'T LISTEN TO THE SONG "Jesse's Girl" without thinking about her first time. The self-described webgal, vegan, activist, polyamorous, bisexual, Aquarian, doer of laundry, says she was about 10 when first she masturbated while fantasizing about Rick Springfield.

These days she prefers her new Hitachi Magic Wand or a bathtub and her own hands, but she's no less enthusiastic about self-pleasure.

"Masturbation is an essential part of our humanity, and [of] our sexual relationships with ourselves," Seska Lee tells me over the phone from Montreal where she runs seska4lovers.com, the hardcore amateur porn site she created with her husband James. "Partners come and go, but this is the one relationship you have all life."

That's why she's helping the world "Masturbate Locally, Masturbate Globally,"—the theme of the world's first global Masturbate-A-Thon, as part of Masturbation Month.

"We've been holding the masturbate-a-thon since 1998 [to raise money for charity], and the most commonly asked question has been, 'Where can I watch?'" explains Cory Silverberg, one of the owners of Come As You Are, co-sponsors of the event.

So, on May 14 th, from 8 to10 pm (EST), Seska Lee and a few of her girlfriends will be masturbating live on-line, and for a mere, one-time donation of $9.95, you can watch.

Seska decided to make it an all-gal event so that the women—whose ages range from 22-38 and who have never performed on-line before—would feel more at ease. The participants will share their "masturbation histories and stories" before "going to town," says Seska. If it all goes according to plan, the event will climax in what Seska likes to call a "circle Jill," with all the women masturbating together.

'Masturbation is an essential part of our humanity, and [of] our sexual relationships with ourselves.' SESKA LEE

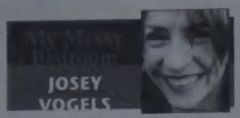
The webcast will be through the event's co-sponsor, Homegrown Video (your one-time donation also gives you 30-day access to other live web cam shows at www.homegrownvideo.com), and all the money raised will go to the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (www.ncsfreedom.org).

For more information, go to www.seska4lovers.com or visit www.comeasyouare.com/masturbation.

LETTERS

Dear Josey,
I'm a disabled US Marine veteran. I was shot twice and stabbed once while in the Marines, injuries that have resulted in numerous back surgeries, a neurological disorder and erectile dysfunction. Viagra only helps to a degree, so I bought a strap-on so that when I can't get it up, my wife can still enjoy penetration. She is pleased with this but the problem is that the openings in these things are too small for my penis. Can you suggest anything?
Strapped for A Solution

Dear Strapped,
If you mean that the hole in the harness is not big enough, that's because most harnesses are made to insert dildoes, not penises, and dildoes tend to be sleeker and smaller than most penises. If this is the case, Carlyle Jansen



of Good For Her in Toronto (www.goodforher.com) suggests you buy a male harness with a pouch so you can tuck your boy bits out of the way and use a dildo for penetration. The other option, Jansen suggests, is to use a thigh harness, which is more comfy and gives you more power behind your thrusts. And bonus, you still have access to your equipment.

If however, you're trying to insert your penis into one of those hollowed out shafts, sold in more chintzy sex shops as penis extenders, Jansen says not to bother. They are often made of cheap, hard plastic that's no fun for the receiver.

If you want to go this route, buy a solid dildo, cut the balls off and hollow it out, suggests Jansen. They're cheap (so no biggie if it doesn't work) and come in different sizes so you may get a better fit.

You can also try working with what you've got. A vibrating butt plug inserted during penetration boosts your erection and gives your wife extra vibrating pleasure, says Jansen. A vacuum pump will temporarily increase your erection. Get one with an air-release valve, so you don't bruise yourself, warns Jansen. Once pumped, use a vibrating cock ring to keep things at attention and give your wife some bonus clit stimulation.

Dear Josey,
I just put an end to a long period of celibacy and have been in a new relationship for the last few weeks. Until this, my sex life was basically watching porn and masturbating. Now, I find I'm not able to come with my girlfriend. Am I am just too used to watching porn to get off? No one ever talks about guys having a hard time reaching orgasm, so any thoughts on the subject would be greatly appreciated.
Not Coming

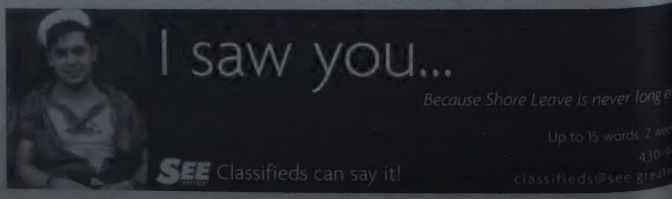
Dear Not,
You're right. I get more letters from women who can't come with a partner than I do guys. Of course, I get tons of letters from guys who come too quickly and no letters from women with that problem. Some lab coats believe the difference may be a built-in monogamy device. Ian Kerner, author of *She Comes First* writes: "Because the female orgasm is so tricky to achieve, its mastery requires dedication and patience. This encourages a woman to seek relationships with one partner, a guy who can spend the time to familiarize himself with her sexuality."

But plenty of guys require a little dedication and patience as well. Just like a woman who can masturbate herself to orgasm but can't come with a partner, only you know your own body; you know when to change the rhythm, pressure, etc. without having to utter a word. Even with lots of practice, it's hard to communicate the idiosyncrasies of your stick-handling needs. And it's even tougher if your vocal chords are also rusty. Do what I tell the ladies: Relax. The more you focus on the problem, the worse it becomes. Give your gal hands-on guidance. Or masturbate in front of her. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words.

GET KINKY

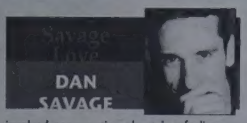
Kink launches its fourth season tomorrow night (Friday, May 6) in that capital of Kink: Winnipeg!! Catch it 9:30 pm (ET/PT) on Showcase.

Josey Vogels is Canada's premiere sex and relationships columnist. Her new book, Bedside Manners: Sex Etiquette Made Easy (Harper Collins) is available through her new website: joseyvogels.com



Perilous favours

That silent blowjob may just be a time bomb



I A 25-YEAR-OLD SWM WHO in a large apartment complex. the past several months, the who lives upstairs from me has into the habit of coming down- once or twice a week and giving blowjob. She seems fairly nor- and is about 10 years older than She doesn't want to go out on and she doesn't expect me to ocate. We don't even really talk much.

Ilove the idea of having a blowjob a week with no strings attached ery guy's dream, but I can't help onder what is up with this. What motivation? Should I be worried, hould I just not look a gift mouth in mouth?

Satisfied But Nervous

ound like a nice guy, SBN. But you what? Nice guys, as a general rule, "fall into the habit" of putting their into the mouths of people they can't small talk with.

ok, even if you're only having a just- thanks relationship with your neigh- it's still a relationship. If you're won- what's up with your neighbour, if you to know what she's getting out of this, re worried, then have the balls and the y to ask her what's up. There's noth- at NSA arrangements that prevents a from being considerate. I'm not sug- that you draw her into a long, involved conversation about her feelings or your relationship. It doesn't sound like she's particularly interested in that kind of a conversation. But you can check in with her. Try saying something like, "Gee whiz, I want you to know how grateful I am for all the amazing head. I also want to make sure that you're okay and that I'm not exploiting you. It would help put me at ease if you told me what you're getting out of this."

What will she say in response? Maybe she'll tell you that sexually servicing a younger man has always been her ultimate fantasy or that there's something about your come that just makes her happy. If you hear anything along those lines, SBN, then everything's cool and you can go back to being serviced with a clear conscience. But if she's sucking you off twice a week because it's the only thing that seems to quiet the voices in her head—voices that may be telling her to bite some dude's dick off—wouldn't you like to know that?

I'm a sexually adventurous guy but I had an uncomfortable reaction to your advice for TRADE, the guy who wants to be a hustler for day. To be more specific, it was with the pimp part. Most prostitutes would probably tell you that pimps are violent, vicious, brutal, dehumanizing motherfuckers. Many a woman (and man) has ended up dead at the hands of a pimp. I would really leave that part out of the fantasy. It's creepy, like saying, "Hey, then you can pretend your pimp is dismembering you and putting you in plastic bags," or, "Then have your fantasy pimp hit you so hard on the side of the head that you're blind in one eye." Pimping is a shitty, shitty thing to do and this guy's fantasy is better off without it.

Mark In Astoria

Real pimps are often violent, maladjusted parasites who abuse and terrorize prostitutes. No argument there. But I didn't suggest that TRADE go and find himself a real pimp, MIA. I advised him to find a friend willing to play the pimp and make all the arrangements necessary for TRADE to realize his hustler fantasies.

Sorry, MIA, but I can't let you declare fantasies about real-life motherfuckers as somehow out of bounds. Where would ruling out fantasy versions of violent, vicious, brutal, and dehumanizing motherfuckers leave, say, people into BDSM? Real people who own/owned real slaves are/were violent, vicious, brutal, etc., as are real rapists, real prison guards, real Republicans, and on and on. In our fantasy lives we're free to pretend to own or be slaves, rape or be raped, pimp or be pimped, imprison or be imprisoned, gut Social Security or protect it, and on and on. PC simply doesn't apply to fantasy role-playing scenarios.

You must be aware of the activities of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. When he's not spreading disinformation about HIV transmission, misdiagnosing Terry Schiavo after watching four-year-old videotape, or speaking at some fundamentalist Christian conclave where "activist" judges are being compared to terrorists, he's threatening to rewrite Senate rules to ram through the latest Clarence Thomas clones. I think Dr. Bill deserves a santorum-style moniker. Why don't you challenge your readers to come up with an appropriate unmentionable sex act incorporating his name, but this time make it a verb. To frist, getting fristed, into fristing...

I think there's potential here!

Bonnie In San Diego

Whenever a religious conservative says something stupid in public—and we can mark the quarter hour by their idiotic statements these days—readers urge me to give 'em the santorum treatment. Recent nominees include Antonin Scalia, James Dobson, Gary Bauer, Tom DeLay, Marilyn Musgrave, Bill Gates, and Joseph Ratzinger. People! I can't name a sex act after every idiot member of the American Taliban or new pope who comes along! First off, lightning is unlikely to strike twice. The definition of santorum that my readers whipped up ("that frothy mix of lube and fecal matter that is sometimes the byproduct of anal sex") is a little smear of perfection. Not only did it forever link Sen. Rick Santorum to anal sex, one of his obsessions, but the substance itself is unwelcome and revolting, much like the senator himself. Can we top Santorum/santorum? I doubt it.

What's more, there are more American Taliban running around than there are disgusting sex acts or byproducts in need of monikers. We would quickly run out of disgusting sex acts and byproducts and then be forced to name pleasurable sex acts after members of the American Taliban. I don't know about you, BISD, but I don't ever want to hear my boyfriend say, "Stick your dobson in my scalia, big bauer, and musgrave the gates out of me until I ratzinger." Could any man maintain an erection after hearing that?

And as for Bill Frist, yeah, he's a freakin' asswipe. But any attempt to attach his name to a sex act will only confuse people. If you tell someone you're into "fristing" they're going to think you're a fist-fucker with a speech impediment. And, really, Bill Frist doesn't need my help ruining his good name. He's doing a good job of that all by himself.

In our fantasy lives we're free to pretend to own or be slaves, pimp or be pimped—PC simply doesn't apply to fantasy role-playing scenarios.

Hey, Readers: Looking for a Mother's Day gift? Don't want to pour money into the already deep pockets of a bunch of sodomite florists? Last year's pot brownies didn't go over as well as you hoped? My mother and I both enjoyed *Ann Landers in Her Own Words: Personal Letters to Her Daughter*, by Margo "Dear Prudence" Howard. I'm an Ann Landers fan—I am, as always, writing these words sitting behind the desk Landers wrote her own column at for 40 years—and Ann's letters to Margo are hilarious and touching.

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